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## Tuition Increase Proposed to Board

### Swygert, Elzey Balk at Committee Recommendation

By JASON T. SMITH  
Editor-in-Chief

Chief Operating Officer Thomas Elzey and President H. Patrick Swygert will recommend a proposal detailing a 3.5 percent tuition increase to the Board of Trustees today, Elzey said.

The proposal comes on the heels of a recommendation by the Tuition Rates and Review Committee that called for an increase in fees but not undergraduate tuition.

Elzey's proposal to the Board

calls for a 5 percent housing increase, a new \$75 technology fee and an across-the-board increase in meal plan rates. The proposal also details a new lap-

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top computer fee for the college of Medicine; a \$20 per year increase in lab fees paid by undergrads in the Division of Nursing; a \$10 per year increase in the association fee paid by

students in the College of Dentistry; and a new \$150 fee for each course taken through the Distance Education Program.

If the Board approves the proposal, it will be the highest tuition hike in five years.

Undergraduate Trustee Charles Coleman pledged to oppose the tuition increase, which he called "unnecessary."

"I think it is fiscally irresponsible for the University to continue to tax students without them knowing where the money is going," Coleman said.

Coleman said that he was less

opposed to the fees outlined in the proposal because those funds are earmarked for specific purposes. Elzey said that tuition money is used for campus maintenance, basic repairs, salaries for faculty and staff, new ventures and improvements on campus such as smart rooms.

Funds generated from tuition comprise 28 percent of the University's entire budget.

Tuition increases, though unwelcome by students, are not the preferred form of fundraising for University officials

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"It is fiscally irresponsible for the University to continue to tax students without them knowing where the money is going"

Undergraduate Trustee Charles Coleman, Jr. speaking on a proposed tuition increase

## Students To Play Key Role In Bush Protests

By Nicole Fuller  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Black Alliance Against the Bush Agenda plans to protest during President-elect Bush's inauguration tomorrow.

The Alliance, which was recently formed through a partnership with the Black Panther Party, encourages college students as well as community members to use their voices to institute change in government.

Brandy Brown, a Howard freshman and student coordinator of The Alliance, is hoping that as many as 1,000 protestors will come out in opposition to Bush.

Brown urges Howard students to come clad in clothing that prominently displays the Howard logo or "all black to show that you're in mourning."

"We want to unite all college students, mostly black students, to let Bush hear our voice," Brown said.

The Alliance is concerned with Bush's stances on an array of issues such as welfare reform, racial profiling, school vouchers, and the death penalty.

According to Dr. Alvin Thornton, chairman of the Howard University Political Science department, Howard students have a long record of protesting presidential policy.

Thornton, who has been a Howard faculty member for more than 20 years said students protested the election of Republican presidents, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan. Students also opposed President Clinton's view on the death penalty when he was elected in 1992.

"Students have opposed any view they think is against blacks," Thornton said.

Brown also expressed concern with Bush's cabinet nominations, citing their conservative ideologies as proof that "Bush doesn't have blacks in his best interest."

Bush's cabinet nominations of blacks like Condoleezza Rice and Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, who Brown referred to as "tokens," does not register as a victory to Brown.

"Everyone sees the black faces, but do they really care about our communities?" she asked.

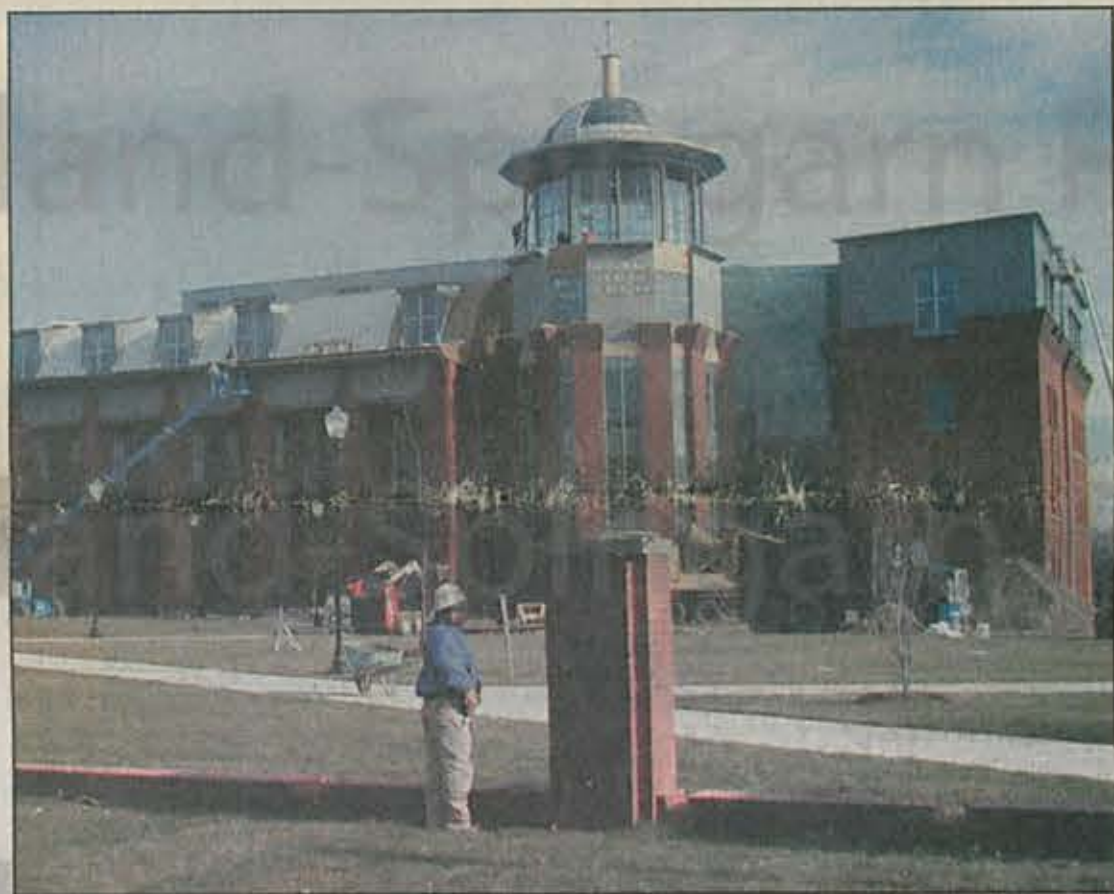
Powell, who was Bush's choice for Secretary of State, will be the first African-American to ever hold the post. Powell is expected to resign from his post as a member of the University Board of Trustees once he is confirmed by the Senate.

Brown is optimistic that the protesters will have an effect on the way Bush handles policy decisions affecting the black community.

"We need to prepare, it's better to be safe than sorry," she said.

Brown points to the voting problems in Florida as evidence that people need to rally together to make progress.

"Enough people didn't step up then, but now we're going to be on Bush's tail," she said.



The Jan. 19th ribbon cutting ceremony for the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library was postponed to an unspecified date after a portion of the building went up in flames in December. Crews are working around the clock to finish the building, University officials said. See the story on A2.

Photo By Vince Smith

## The Crusade for Cable

### A Senior Leads the Effort to Wire the Towers for 2001

By BRAKKTON BOOKER  
Hilltop Staff writer

At 9:38 p.m. Thursday Afi Bell awaits an answer to her knock of a fourth floor West Howard Plaza suite. When the door opens Bell smiles and hands the resident a clipboard while simultaneously saying

"Hi, you want free cable in your room?"

Without hesitation the gentleman signs his name and with that Bell is off to the next room in a race against time to collect as many signatures as possible before a Friday deadline. Last

Friday was the designated day for the silent cable crusade to strike. Bell worked for three nights collecting 593 signatures for a petition to connect cable in the Howard Plaza Towers. Bell delivered the petition

and a formal letter last Friday to Howard Plaza Towers Property Manager Larry A. Frelow; acting Dean of Residence Life York Campbell; and interim Vice President of Student Affairs Raymond Archer. Bell, a Los Angeles Lakers fanatic and Inglewood, California resident said that she had grown tired of having to leave her suite in the East Howard Plaza Towers, to watch her team play. "I can't stand missing a game," said Bell. The international finance major can remember many nights where she had to battle the brisk D.C. air and make the trek up to the Cook Hall lounge to watch the Lakers play. Fueled by her love for the defending NBA champions, and weary of watching late night news to see highlights, or even merely seeing the final scores scrolled before her, she took action.

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## The Hilltop This Week

#### SportsWeek

Read About the latest in Howard Sports.

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#### Campus

This semester's late registration process was not so bad for many HU students.

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## Mason Tapped As Elections Chair by General Assembly

COMPILED FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tori S. Mason, a junior Computer Based Information Systems major, was selected by the General Assembly to chair the 2001 General Elections Committee Wednesday.

Mason proposed "E-vote," an electronic voting system that would allow students to vote for candidates in both the general and local elections from any Internet accessible computer. Mason says that the system would cut the cost of General Elections tremendously. While last year's General Elections' Chair Damon Waters spent an estimated \$21,000, Mason's proposal includes a budget of \$13,840.

The General Assembly had questions about the electronic voting system's implementation and the possibility of student's abusing the system to sway votes.

Mason said, "Students will log onto the Howard University homepage, click on elections, and enter their student ID and social security number. Once this information is submitted, a ballot specialized for

the student's college of enrollment and classification will appear allowing students to vote for the appropriate candidates. Once an ID number is used to vote, it cannot be used again."

The General Assembly suggested that the General Elections Committee seek the help of ISAS and members of the faculty to ensure the integrity of the vote.

When asked why she applied for the position Mason said, "I felt that I needed to do more as a student in whatever capacity I could. When the position was announced, I thought of all of the times when I felt that more could have been done to keep me informed about elections. Keeping that in mind, I said to myself, 'I can do that.'"

Originally from Memphis, TN, Mason now resides in Philadelphia, PA. She served on the 2000 Homecoming Steering Committee as vending coordinator. After being named chair of the Elections committee, Mason resigned from the Hilltop Editorial Board where she served as Life & Style Editor.

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## University Trustee Powell, Tapped to be First Black U.S. Secretary of State

COMPILED FROM STAFF REPORTS

Retired General and Howard University Trustee Colin L. Powell, was tapped by President-elect Bush to be the next Secretary of State earlier this month.

Powell answered questions before the Senate on Wednesday during his confirmation hearing.

Powell's nomination, which is expected to be confirmed by the Senate, could be seen as a plus for African Americans according to some political science professors.

Dr. Alvin Thornton, Chairman of the Political Science department, feels that Powell's appointment could make the United States place Africa

at a higher priority. Thornton thinks the appointment is significant on three levels.

"The elevation of a position of personal achievement for Powell is first. The second level is a statistical representation of African-Americans in high ranking positions. The third level is the substantive policy significance when it comes to African-Americans," Thornton said.

While Powell's approval rating may be high now, Thornton feels that won't always be the case.

"No matter who you are, your approval rating will go down. He is one of the more popular Americans right now. I don't expect it to remain that way."



# CAMPUS

## Voices & Views

### Should Students protest at Bush's Inauguration?



"I'm not exactly for it. I think that instead of protests and marches, our people need to provoke change within ourselves in order to change the tables of this country. Andre said it best 'So obsolete are the first and marches. Speeches only reaches those who already knew about it.'"  
—Brandon Young, Sophomore Acting Major



"I'm glad to see that the students are getting involved, but I do not think the protests will have any affect on the inauguration."  
—Wanessa Ganson, Sophomore Marketing Major



"I understand the distress and drama behind the ludicrous voting in of George W.; however, we have been marching and protesting and our desired changes in today's society have not yet manifested into reality. We need a new plan of action. HU needs to figure out what we can do, we constantly sleep on our power as a young black nation with a voice in DC."  
—Nicole Sampson, Senior Psychology Major



"If students think there is an injustice committed in the election process, then sure! I'll leave it up to individuals to decide."  
—Jonathan Stoks, Junior Political Science Major

Compiled by Vince Smith

## Registration Process Improving, Students Say

By CHRISTOPHER WINDHAM  
Campus Editor

Sophomore broadcast journalism major Jamila Morgan got a big surprise last week when she went to the Blackburn Ballroom to become validated for the spring semester.

Morgan, who was prepared to wait for as much as seven hours, said she was shocked when she got her validation sticker in less than three hours.

"Compared to last year, it was an 100 percent improvement," she said. Morgan said it took two days to get validated last Spring even though her problem was the same—the signing of an outside loan check.

Long lines and failed computer systems have been fixtures of the Howard registration process in recent years. But this semester, students say registration has slightly improved.

"The University has been pretty productive with taking care of everyone's problems," said sophomore business management major, Kyndal DePass. "Howard is making an effort to improve its services, especially with all of the online information."

Reports of faster moving lines in the Blackburn Ballroom rolled in just before the late registration period concluded last Friday.

"Registration is slowing improving, as Howard moves more toward online registration, there will be undoubtedly take students less time to register," said Undergraduate Trustee Charles Coleman. "Still it is crucial that the university continues to make strides in the way of registration with the same vigor and energy which they have this year."

Only about 500 of approximately 9,700 students were not validated for the spring

semester on Friday, according to University estimates.

"We are pleased with the progress of spring 2001 registration and have made every effort to ensure that all eligible students are scheduled for classes and validated," said Carmen Cannon, associate vice-president for enrollment management.

The availability of registration information and student records on the Internet has also helped ease the registration crunch.

Students were able to view grades, registration scheduling hours, and financial holds through the University's website, [www.howard.edu](http://www.howard.edu).

"Students will find that if they stay informed by checking their campus e-mail regularly and checking the web for access to their schedules, bills, and other information, their registration can be completely hassle free."

Students usually have a less difficult time

becoming validated in the spring semester because financial aid processed for the entire school year, transfer over to students' accounts. Students also register and clear up account holds before leaving for winter break.

"If all of the systems interact properly then it is easier to get validated in the spring," said Interim Vice-President for Student Affairs, Raymond Archer. Archer is part of taskforce established after the last year's BANNER crisis that is designed to improve the registration process.

Archer said the committee is currently working to establish an electronic transfer system where students can pay over the Internet. "It will do away some small inconveniences," he said. "The registration taskforce has moved forward to address issues that cross administration lines."

Staff Writer Niquanda Brown contributed to this article.



Photo By Vince Smith

## Fire Delays Opening of Stokes Health Sciences Library

By JOI RIDLEY  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The University hoped to cut the ribbon on its \$25 million Louis Stokes Health Sciences library today. But after a two-alarm blaze erupted atop the building December 8, it seems as if the ribbon will remain tied for at least another four months.

University officials said Wednesday the fire would delay the library's opening until late May because of roof damage.

Damage costs for the structure is still being accumulated said Donna Brock of University Communications.

"It's like being in a checkout line and not knowing what the final total is until everything is rung up," she said.

The roof was destroyed as firefighters worked to get to extinguish the flames caused by the destroyed flaws in the testing of heating materials. The fire has been linked directly to a faulty generator, not arson as previously speculated, university officials said.

While other parts of the building were slightly affected, but

the roof was heavily damaged when firefighters cut through its layers with metal saws.

Aside from exterior damage to the building's framework, there is also the problem of replacing fixtures damaged by the flames. Due to the building's massive proportions, a lot of its materials must be custom-made, library officials said.

Therefore, some of the building's doors and windows, such as the "curtain wall", a wall made completely of glass, have not been easily replaced. Insurance companies and attorneys for the building's constructor are still investigating the accident.

The fire has not only set back the construction of the building which was near completion, but also the expected date that students to use the building.

Students said they have been anxiously anticipating the opening of the library, which is located across from the School of Communications at 4<sup>th</sup> and Bryant Street.

Many spectators stood watch, as the building became a virtual inferno that took over four hours to contain. There were no major injuries in the blaze.

## Students Audition to Salute Lee

By NIQUANDA BROWN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Dozens of students stood in line Tuesday in the Human Ecology Building waiting their turn to audition for the show that will be dedicated to filmmaker Spike Lee.

The show, *Nothing New Under the Sun: A Salute to Spike Lee*, will have students acting out brief scenes from some Lee's 17 films, pre-taped interviews of local media professionals especially from Howard University's School of Communications. Lee will also be presented an award at the February 28 ceremony.

"I've been a fan of Spike Lee's work for the longest. Too often in Hollywood black talent goes unappreciated and undervalued," said senior film major Erica Anderson. "This is an opportunity for us, as blacks, to give Spike his well deserved props. I hope he doesn't forget it."

Actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and costume designers were encouraged to try out. Many who auditioned were true fans of Lee's work and just wanted to be apart of honoring him and many were there to just gain exposure.

Chauncia Burton, sophomore advertising major, said that she heard one of her professors talking about the audition and had to come.

"Spike Lee is a genius and all of his movies have messages," she said. "He definitely is a strong intelligent black man," she said. "I just would like to be apart of this tribute to him and this would be an experience for me."

Founders of *Nothing New Under the Sun: A Salute to Spike Lee*, Nubia Henderson, sophomore broadcast journalism major, and Genia Wright, sophomore public relations major, said that their initial intentions was not to have a big show.

Henderson after seeing Lee's latest film *Bamboozled*, wanted to discuss the way African Americans were portrayed in the media and decided that she wanted to put together a black history project. After presenting this idea to Wright, the two wanted to meet with Lee and have a discussion on how blacks are portrayed in films.

"I called information to get the telephone number for 40 acres and a mule. I called 40 acres and a mule and through their directory I was given a fax number to reach Spike Lee. I faxed him and he responded within two days," Henderson said.

However, what initially was planned to be just a discussion with Lee turned into a show recreating scenes from all 17 of his movies to salute him and all he has done for black film making.

"We want to salute Spike Lee and the accomplishments he has made to the film industry in making films to heighten black awareness," Henderson said.

With around 85 students who auditioned, Henderson, Wright and staff are very excited about the turnout.

"We saw a lot of talent and had a fantastic turnout," Wright said. "I am thankful for Spike Lee and proud of how he kept it real as a black professional."

Wright also added that Lee is very excited about this tribute to honor him and anticipates coming to Howard.

## Tuition Increase Proposed to Board of Trustees

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either, said Elzey. Elzey said that recommending an increase in tuition is his last resort when fundraising for the University.

Other fundraising efforts made by the University include efforts to increase alumni donations and the Capital Campaign, which is an effort to raise funds from corporations and non-profit entities.

Discussing alumni donations, Elzey said "that is an area we have underperformed in." Alumni contributions comprise between 1 percent – 2 percent of the entire University

budget.

"A student's experience sets the tone of how much they'll give back once they leave," he said. "We will do everything we can to get people to give," said Elzey.

"Students shouldn't feel like victims," said Elzey. "Consider it money in the bank," said Elzey. "If they want to know where their money is going they can simply look around them. We've done more than lip service to improving the capstone. Students will continue to see more improvements."

Some of those improvements will be more women athletic scholar-

ships, more security, more staff in the libraries, improvements in the laboratories—especially the biology and chemistry labs, and improved student housing.

Accompanying the increased cost to attend Howard University, the University is increasing the amount of financial aid available to students. Scholarships will also increase accordingly should the Board accept the proposal.

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# CAMPUS

## The Weekly Campus Crime Report

This is a listing of the reports taken by  
Howard Campus Police from Jan. 9 to Jan. 16.  
Compiled by Hilltop staff writer Simone Bridges

Date	Location	Offense
1-9-01	School of Pharmacy	Security Breech
1-9-01	Annex I	Destruction of Prop.
1-9-01	A Building Door	Security Breech
1-10-01	Locke Hall	Employee Miscon.
1-10-01	East Towers Laundry	Hazard Smoke
1-10-01	Undergrad Library	Injured Person
1-10-01	BURR	Lost Property
1-11-01	2600 Georgia Ave.	Theft from Auto
1-11-01	Drew Hall	Lost Property
1-11-01	4 <sup>th</sup> and T St. N.W.	Armed Robbery
1-12-01	BURR	Theft
1-14-01	West Towers	Possession Marijuana
1-14-01	Crandall Hall	Hazardous Elevator
1-15-01	West Towers	Simple Assault
1-15-01	Drew Hall	Verbal Altercation
1-15-01	Hospital	Gunshot
1-16-01	Towers	Sick Transport
1-16-01	HUH	Burglary
1-16-01	N/A	Sick Transport
1-16-01	N/A	Theft
1-16-01	N/A	Damaged Prop.

Weekly Summary:  
Armed Robbery: 1  
Assault: 1  
Theft: 2  
Theft from Auto: 1  
Sick Transport: 2  
Security Breech: 2  
Hazards: 2  
Destruction of Property: 1  
Misconduct/Altercations: 2

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Police from Jan. 9 to Jan. 16. Compiled by Hilltop staff writer Simone Bridges

## Suspect Arrested For Robberies Near Howard Dormitories

By CHRISTOPHER WINDHAM  
Campus Editor

Third District Metropolitan Police Officers arrested a man Saturday suspected to have robbed five University students near Slowe and Carver Halls.

Carl Wright of the District was arrested at 1 a.m. after he attempted to flee the scene following a robbery of three Bohemian Cavern employees at a 10<sup>th</sup> and U street pay phone, according to campus police.

District police officers were able to link Wright to the University robberies based on information provided by the student victims to campus police. The victims reported a suspect who wore

a tan fur hooded coat and had a distinctive neck scar. Wright was wearing an identical coat and had a similar mark in his neck area at the time of his arrest, according to campus police.

"DC police detectives are positive arrestee Carl Wright is our man based on all the case facts that all the victims have provided HU&DC Police," said Captain Jonathan Rich, Chief Investigator for campus police. "Because of our teamwork, (Howard U. and DC Police) our community is a little safer tonight for students and faculty."

The students were each robbed at gunpoint as they walked to Carver and Slowe Halls from the Shaw/Howard Metro Station. The victims were not injured, according to police reports.

One victim, a Carver Hall resident, was robbed in HUH's rear parking lot near 5<sup>th</sup> & T NW as he walked to dorm from the metro station on January 7. Approximately 25 minutes later, two West Towers residents were robbed at 5<sup>th</sup> & T as they traveled from the metro stop.

The robberies prompted campus police to issue an alert bulletin to the community January 8, detailing the victim's description of the suspect. The bulletin also reminded students, staff and faculty to use extra caution when traveling at night.

Yesterday, after Hilltop presstime, the victims went to DC police headquarters to view a police line-up in order to point out the person who victimized them.

### Study Break...Already



Photo by Vince Smith

Though classes had barely begun, some students made their way to the library last week to start the semester off with a round of studying.

## Mason Tapped to Lead Elections Process

From Mason, AI  
"Tori is a conscientious hard worker and I'm sure she will be a wonderful Elections Chair," said Jason T. Smith, editor-in-chief of The Hilltop. "She should try to stress to students that they should come out to every Speak Out. Students should come to the Speak Out. It's important," said HUSA President Sellano Simmons.

## CHECK-IT-OUT WEEK (January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>)

Make sure that your registration is accurate!  
Corrections will **NOT** be accepted after  
Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

1. Get a printout from the Web or from EM/Records. Check to make sure that:
  - All of your classes are listed.
  - The correct sections are listed.
  - You are registered for standard letter grade (credit) and not audit or pass/fail.
2. Go to class. Check with your instructors to make sure that:
  - You are on the official class list for each course for which you are registered.
  - You are registered for standard letter grade (credit) and not audit or pass/fail.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

All

**Enrollment Management offices**  
Including Records and Financial Aid

**WILL BE CLOSED**  
on

**Monday, January 22nd**



## CITY

# Thousands of Protesters Expected at Inaugural Parade

## District Police Hope to Keep the Many Expected to Protest out of the Way

By NSENGA A. KNIGHT  
CITY EDITOR

The rebirth of political protests, sparked by a bitterly close election and the questionable issues surrounding the Florida recount, are guaranteed to transform Saturday's inaugural parade route from a traditionally flag-waving patriotic passageway into a gauntlet of demonstrators.

Ten groups have received park service permits to protest directly along the 13-block section of Pennsylvania Avenue that George W. Bush will travel. The Park Service has approved 13 requests for demonstration permits. There are also permits for rallies at McPherson Square, the Ellipse and Dupont Circle and near the Supreme Court. Other groups, no larger than 25, will also be demonstrating, they will not need a permit.

Upward of 20,000 demonstrators are expected to be among the parade audience

expected to number 150,000. To accompany the protesters, more officers than ever will be on duty—at least 6,800. This week, police decided that instead of one officer every 10 feet along the 16-block parade route, there would be one every six to eight feet. However, the police situated on the parade route will not be in riot gear or on mounted horses. Police plan to watch everyone, from the air, from rooftops, from horseback and from posts in the crowd.

There will be police checkpoints equipped with metal detectors, which everyone attending the parade must pass through for the first time in history. Police do have the right to search the bags of those entering parade grounds.

Lawyers for two groups that plan to protest at the inauguration parade filed suit on Wednesday alleging that security measures being implemented by the law will deny demonstrators their First Amendment Rights.

The Justice Action movement and the International Action Center asked the U.S. District Court in DC for immediate relief from the restrictions they said would hinder their ability to communicate with the president-elect. The suit made four central charges.

It says the police checkpoints are unconstitutional vague because the police and Secret Service have not informed the protesters precisely what items will be banned. The lawyers claim officers at the checkpoints have too much discretion to keep protesters from entering.

The suit also alleges that the International Action Center is being denied full use of its permit to protest on Freedom Plaza, at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, because the Presidential Inaugural Committee has been allowed to erect bleachers over most of the space.

The suit challenges the constitutionality of

several laws, including one that lawyers say forbids anyone to make a speech in a public space without permission of the chief of police.

Finally, the suit claims that protesters are being treated differently from Bush supporters, because inaugural planners are allowed to set up along the avenue in advance. Protesters may not arrive until 9 a.m. Saturday and cannot set up platforms or other props.

Damon Waters, a Howard University 3<sup>rd</sup> year graduate student in the field of Black Politics said the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights of the inauguration protesters are being restricted. "They are telling people when and where they can exercise their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Right. By curtailing they are restricting," said Waters.

Dr. Edna Greene Medford, an American History professor at Howard University said she has no interest in attending the inaugu-

ration events tomorrow. "My lack of interest has less to do with Bush than the process that got him there. The system was flawed," said Dr. Medford.

"When they stopped the recount they really deprived Americans, especially those in Florida, from the right to vote," said Dr. Medford. "The franchise is so important to citizens, nothing should stand in the way. I would have felt the same way if it was Gore."

Dr. Medford stated that she hadn't given much consideration to attending the inauguration in order to protest. "People deal with different issues in different ways. My protest occurs in how I teach my students and what I say," said Dr. Medford. "We all have different ways of protesting as long as we show our displeasure."

Inauguration events will start at 11:35 a.m. tomorrow.

## Groups Demonstrating At the Inaugural Parade Saturday:

**Christian Defense Coalition** Urge President-elect Bush to rescind abortion-rights executive orders signed by President Clinton, protest abortion, defend Cabinet nominees. Rally in the 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, north side. Expecting hundreds. No website.

**Day of Outrage** Protest "illegitimate" president, defend African American interests against conservative administration. March at 9:30 a.m. from 14th and U streets to Pershing Park at 14th and Pennsylvania; rally begins at 10:30 a.m. Expecting hundreds. No website.

**Gore Majority** Protest "stolen" election. Begin gathering in 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, north side, at 8:30 a.m. Expecting dozens. None.

**International Action Center** Promote racial justice, abolish death penalty, protest "racist disenfranchisement." Rally at 10 a.m. at Freedom Plaza at 14th and Pennsylvania. Also has permits to rally at 10th and Pennsylvania (in front of Justice Department) and at McPherson Square. Expecting thousands. [www.iacenter.org](http://www.iacenter.org)

**Justice Action Movement** Stop corporate dominance of political process, protest "illegitimate" president, push statehood for D.C., reform voting systems, abolish Electoral College. Go in small groups to parade route at 8 a.m., while others rally in Dupont Circle at 10 a.m. then march to parade route. Expecting thousands. [www.j20.org](http://www.j20.org)

**National Organization for Women** Defend abortion rights, protest Cabinet nominees, remind Congress of pro-choice agenda. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania between 8th and 9th (some arrive earlier), then fan out in small groups along parade route. No crowd estimate. [www.now.org](http://www.now.org)

**National Patriots' March** Celebrate Bush's inauguration and defend "people's will" expressed in the election. Rally and speeches begin at 9 a.m. at Supreme Court, then march to Mall to watch ceremonies. Expecting 1,000. [www.loudcitizen.com](http://www.loudcitizen.com)

**Oral Majority** Protest "stolen" election Rally at John Marshall Park at 4th and Pennsylvania. Expecting hundreds. None.

**Shadow Inauguration** Protest "disenfranchisement" of African American voters, defend Voting Rights Act. Rally at 10 a.m. at Stanton Park, 4th and Maryland NE, march to Supreme Court to "swear in" participants at noon to protect Voting Rights Act. Expecting thousands. No website.

**Voter March** Protest "voter disenfranchisement," reform voting mechanisms, abolish or reform Electoral College, seek campaign finance reform. Rally at 10 a.m. at Dupont Circle; speakers include campaign finance reform activist Granny D and Patricia Ireland of NOW. March to second rally at the Ellipse or watch parade along Pennsylvania Avenue. Expecting thousands. [www.votermarch.org](http://www.votermarch.org)

### Inauguration Day Dos and Don'ts

Here are some handy tips to help you through inauguration day.

#### Do:

- Get there early
- Take the metro
- Dress warm
- Prepare yourself for bad weather
- Expect that you may be searched- all bags are subject to search

#### Don't:

- Carry a backpack-you'll be less likely to get searched
- Bring signs attached to sticks
- Carry any bottles or items made out of glass

## Living the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King

By Nsenga A. Knight  
City Editor

More than 200 volunteers took to the cold sidewalk on Martin Luther King Day to fulfill part of the legacy left by Martin Luther King Jr., who was slain on a Memphis motel balcony while laboring to improve the lives of the poor and the disenfranchised.

We Feed Our People, a community-based group of concerned individuals and organizations provided hot meals and warm clothing for homeless District residents from 2 to 4 p.m. in front of Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW.

Dierdre Perry, the 1st Vice President of the DC Pan Hellenic Council said the act of community service was something that all nine Black Greek Letter Organizations decided to do together. Of the many volunteers participating in Monday's community service effort the majority of those present were fraternity or sorority members. Dana Griffin, a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated said the community service activity was, "an excellent way to celebrate Martin Luther King Day especially for Greeks because oftentimes our community service efforts are overlooked."

During the last months of his life, King had begun devoting much of his time to poverty issues, his fateful trip to Memphis came as part of the "Poor People's campaign."

Dwight L. Berry, a Howard University Alumnus and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated said he felt the need to celebrate King's birthday by doing community service. "there are a lot of unfortunate people in the DC area. It is important to remember them on a special day like today," said Berry. Berry estimated that more than 350 homeless people arrived in front of



Dr. King speaks at a press conference in the 60's

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library to receive either food or clothing. "People seemed very thankful and grateful and respectful. Everything was taken."

"Dr. King said, 'Everybody can be great because everybody can serve,'" said Mayor Williams at a

ceremony on Saturday at the King library. Galen Muhammad, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated said his organization in particular felt it was their duty to serve others especially on King's holiday because Dr. King was a member of his fraternity. "Dr. Martin Luther King was an Alpha. We are in a fraternity and part of our reason for existence is to give back," said Muhammad.

The volunteers, although in the cold outdoors, were happy to make an effort to warm the bodies of many District residents who spend their entire days on the frigid streets. Many also felt their devotion of time and energy towards helping the less fortunate was one of their obligations. Raderio Wilkins, a Howard University graduate student and active member of Kappa Alpha Psi alumni chapter said, "We are a community service organization. There are people in our communities who are not as fortunate as our members are. It is our duty to help alleviate some of their burdens."

Wilkins also noted that after the service work was completed he joined other volunteers in cleaning up trash in front of the library, ensuring that the activities were environmentally friendly. His first time participating in this particular event, Wilkins said that he was very impressed to see that others felt that there is a need for a collaborative effort to show unity in the black community.

Stressing the importance of community service, Griffin, stated, "One of the basic things all the Greek organizations have in common is community service." Speaking about homelessness in the District, Griffin said, "Homelessness is one of DC's most deficient areas. For us to come together and the mere fact that we're out here serving our own (by dealing with one of DC's main issues) means we've accomplished our goal."

## Hundreds of Americans Gather to Celebrate FDR

By NSENGA A. KNIGHT  
CITY EDITOR

The unveiling of the proud Franklin Delano Roosevelt sitting in his wheelchair by way of his bronze likeness has conjured feelings of both pride and opposition towards the depiction among many Americans.

The statue lies beside the Tidal Basin. The addition of the wheelchair to Roosevelt's statue was not the initial plan of its designers. Roosevelt, during his four terms as president, kept his disability a secret. The designers therefore initially omitted a depiction of him in the contraption he designed and built with a kitchen chair and bicycle wheels.

The first admirers of the statue were those who wheeled their own chairs along the side of image to pose for pictures. Blind people used adroit fingers to search for lines and curves on the bronze likeness and thus felt inspiration from a man whose great ability far outweighed his disability.

Architect Lawrence Halprin maintained that his original design, which did not depict Roosevelt in a wheelchair was more historically accurate than the current one. He cited the fact that Roosevelt preferred to keep his disability from the public eye. Of the 10,000 photographs in the presidential archives four show FDR in his wheelchair. He was stricken with polio during his fourth term in 1921 at the age of 39, and was never able to walk on his own since then.

Many who have visited the memorial considered the question: If Roosevelt were alive today, would he be angry to see himself depicted in a wheelchair?

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, a granddaughter of FDR said that she thinks Roosevelt would be proud of this memorial. She also stated that memorials are not necessarily for the people they memorialize.

Marc Fisher wrote in the January 11th Washington Post that the new design "satisfies our desire to force history to conform to our values." Fisher holds the view that the new memorial contradicts what the designer Lawrence Halprin had communicated: a sense of what America was then, during the Depression and World War 2.

Certainly, the values and views of those alive today were placed upon the creation of the new FDR memorial. Dr. Edna Greene Medford, an American History Professor at Howard University said that it is impossible for our society not to judge historical figures based on our own views. "Our monuments reflect our own sensibilities, not necessarily that of his time. Certainly we have to judge history in a time period," said Dr. Medford.

The National Organization on Disability fought for the present depiction of Roosevelt. The people with disabilities in attendance at the unveiling of the statue said they did not fault Roosevelt for living by the standards of his time, when disability was a weakness.

Dr. Medford agreed with the disabled who advocated the present depiction of FDR in a wheelchair. She stated that she is not sure if the cover-up of FDR's disability was his idea or that of his advisors. Dr. Medford stated, "I'm not sure if it's what he wanted or what his people wanted, given that time period."

The public image of FDR was important to him while living, as it is important to those who remember him after his death. "This is about image, not just interpretation of history," said Dr. Medford. Those who remember Roosevelt through his memorial are able to see past the wheelchair which labeled him as a disabled man to the essence of who FDR was, a man who's strength and ability helped pull his crippling nation out of The Depression.



A young boy poses next to the statue of former President FDR.

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# PERSPECTIVES II

## Me Frugal Mum

MICHAEL WINFIELD

My mother, at the official age of "old," is funny (and still pretty). (I don't mean the mottoes. She has a motto for every occasion, by the way. "You know my motto..." is the start of a funny story.) I'm clearing out her shopping cart of laundry and placing it on her bed, traveling up and down the stairs from her bedroom to the foyer, where she is standing, waiting to go out again. She remarks to my father that she won't be buying any salami. "Of course, it didn't take ten minutes to pick out that salami," my father joins in. "You should write a piece about that," says my mother. "Write about being a salami thief, stealing old people's salami in the night. Sons who come home from college and eat up all the food. Write about that instead of Jesus' ass." Then: "Isn't that right, Spanish dad?"

When I'm back at the computer, sending an e-mail to myself so that I don't have to ferry a floppy across state lines (with that new movie Antitrust out, I don't know who to fear...), she says: "Hand me that bag of cans. No, can of bags—no, bag of cans." I make fun of the slip, as I am wont to do, and she takes this as a sign of interest, which it is (my mommy knows me well), and begins to explain why she is counting the cans in the bag (all Sprites and Cokes, which my parents consume in bulk).

The cans clink as she retells the story of the man who spoke in Spanglish because he thought she was stupid, who only accepted twenty of her cans instead of the twenty-five she had happened to return that day. "So, you're not giving me my twenty-five cents?" she says meekly, her eyes dancing in her sockets as she recounts her emotional state and tone. No. Only twenty cans. So now, my mother always gives the man fifteen cans and tells him that she is giving him twenty. And since he is stupid, she steals twenty-five cents from him time and time again as recompense. "That's twenty-five cents with interest!" she exclaims, clinking the last can into the whispering plastic bag. She tells me of the time the same Spanglish-

speaking man wouldn't let her return her Cornish hens, and said to the cashier in Spanglish "don't let her use her coupons" which if you are uninitiated in Romance languages, sounds like this: "no permite ella usar sus coupones". While that may not be proper Spanish, it is what the man said, and only an idiot cannot decipher what "permite" correlates to in English, and what a "coupone" is, obviating the fact, of course, that my mother has traveled the world and is a modest polyglot, albeit an impenitent spendthrift. So my mother returns the chickens, bristled that the man thought her so dumb, and returns with her "coupones", and slaps them down and buys her discount chickens with the same infuriating bravado that the man slapped an "e" on the word "coupon" and thought he was confounding my mother's oh-so-small African brain. "That'll teach him to talk in Spanglish!" says my mother, and then she is out the door again, out on another adventure.

What is important here is that I wrote this piece within moments after I wrote "dis de editor...", moments after my mother read it and launched into her soliloquy. The reason she stepped into the spotlight and acted up a storm was not that we had recently attended Jitney as a family (well, not my sister, she had already jetted off to Germany—but we attended Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon together, and it was awesome...) and impersonations are infectious in my family (which they are; we all tell our stories in spirit-invoking African fashion), but that she read "dis de editor..." and thought: "Now if Claude [my father] can get into a piece simply singing in Spanish, then I certainly can get my own piece being the funny, pretty lady that I am." So I wrote this piece, because I have my own motto: My mom is usually right. And here she comes right, now, bowling through the door, returning from her trip to the market, with stories I'm sure. Oh no, wait, she just went into the bathroom.

## Me and Me

MICHAEL WINFIELD

Without this third piece, which rounds out my psyche (unless I get Jungian and have to write five pieces—and I'm really not looking forward to writing a piece from my anima), you might think that I am schizophrenic. Apparently, there are already tribes of aborigines, who in addition to staving off their local manifestation of "cooties" (which they incidentally call "gnu-gnu" energy) through healthy doses of patriarchal pederasty as a rite of manhood (and who can truly call himself a man who has not been suckled by his father of his father of his father?), also believe I am schizophrenic. I did not realize that gossip traveled so fast and penetrated so deeply into the backwoods and marshes and mist of the primordial wastes. In any event, inasmuch as I am asserted to be profoundly addled, I charge that the charges leveled against me are both ludicrous and just plain mean. Why I truly despise this charge leveled against my character is that it is unfounded, and also, I am such a nice person and do not deserve such calumny.

When I see big girls who do not scrub their necks, and so are marked by greasy streaks of russet, do I shout it out and embarrass them? Let me think. No, I do not! I never call out other Negroes at parties who rub on women without cause, or who remove their garments, namely pants, and attempt to get their freak on with girls who have never seen them before. I remain studiously silent. When I see bulldog-grilled dudes attempt to pull off Billy Dee game, perhaps thinking that the smile their momma so loves will come in handy with la-ladies, I respectfully bow and allow them their space. When I see "the crazy nigger" in the café singing to himself and pretending that he is chatting it up to Hollywood on two—count 'em—two cellphones, do I say a word? What about when the compulsive liar we know talks about all the women he has gotten pregnant, or the girlfriend he had that ran away to South Africa; never-

mind that the girl is a lesbian and has never left the country and don't forget: he is a compulsive liar. I generally mind my own business, and leave myself out of the affairs of people who have no business having business because their business is so stupid and infantile and self-servingly idiotic that they don't deserve to be called adults let alone human. I don't hate on people, I simply nod in agreement with whatever crazy little things that they say, unless they go so far over the line of logic and common morality that I must say something, and then it usually is satire or sarcasm, some way in which humor coats the sting of the truth—that what they are doing must be a manifestation of severe masochism, or else gross and overwhelming stupidity. Does it make sense to purchase two cell-phones and rap into them both at a lonely café table? It certainly does not. And I don't think I would be considered judgmental for saying so...but I usually beg off and say nothing else but: "Man, you rhyme better than Perfecto. You should try out for Verbal Armageddon."

So is it possible that others could please follow the golden rule? If I am ever caught doing something schizophrenic, please say: "Man, you're not schizophrenic, Michael. I mean Nietzsche. No, you're not schizophrenic at all. You're the most non-mentally ill person I've ever met." Because we mentally ill don't understand when you speak to us in English, no, no, no, we must be spoken to backwards, and by we, I mean me and me—get away from me, the bees!



## Smokescreen

MARK HARRIS, JR.

All the minorities that George W. Bush is appointing to his administration excite some people. They are amazed that he has a black secretary of state, a black national security adviser, and a variety of Hispanics and women peppered throughout his Cabinet and staff. Those people, in the truest sense of the word, are fools.

Yep, fools. It is high time we stopped being polite and started pulling cards. The majority of his appointees are still white men. And not baby boomer white men like Clinton (or even himself) who have some sort of nuanced perspective on the modern world. No, he is appointing conservative old men from as far back as the Ford administration to run offices as important as defense and the justice. Rather, his vice-president (politely described in a Washington Post article as the "CEO" of the administration) is telling him to appoint and he is acquiescing. What they have in store for us is a neo-conservative regime that will seek to wreck a) the economy, b) the environment, c) race relations, and d) foreign relations. And they will probably succeed beyond their wildest dreams.

So where do all the minorities fit in? If you examine them carefully, you will find some of the most determinedly apolitical national minority figures that one could possibly conjure up. Condoleezza Rice is, of all things, a Russia expert. That means that, first of all, she will be concentrating on antagonizing the Russians by insisting on the need for a missile defense system and two, in her academic career she has studiously avoided the issues facing black people. Colin Powell (God bless our trustees) has repeatedly refused to be a political figure. And so far down in the chain of command (Rice as national security adviser has the ear of the president before he does), what can he do to influence the administration in any direction? Dick Cheney has already said that his subordinates won't be talking to the press. We won't even find out what he is thinking.

Basically, they are there to mute outcry from black leaders and other minorities. When we cry racism (as we will do so rightfully many times over the next few years), they will say, "Look. We have

a black secretary of state. How can we be racist?" Far be it from me to call Powell, Rice, and others pawns, but then again, we all saw the parade of color at the Republican convention in August.

So yeah, let me get back to pulling cards. If the Bush administration were not racist, then why would it put a conservative ideologue like John Ashcroft in the attorney general's office? This is the same Ashcroft who blocked Judge Ronnie White's appointment to the federal bench for several years, partly because of his opposition to the death penalty, but mostly because he was Black. Ashcroft is an old racist, and he will do his best to eviscerate programs that help minorities. If Bush respected minorities and didn't just pander to Hispanics for votes, he would never have sanctioned Ashcroft in such a position.

Then again, Bush is only a pawn, too. A pawn of his father, Dick Cheney, and the conservative establishment that is scared to see this country change as all things must. It is sad to see him look so lost in his press conferences while Cheney stands menacingly behind him like a puppeteer. I don't suppose he ever had any illusions about actually wielding power in the White House. However, he probably didn't think he would win, either. As more and more old school officials get recycled from the last three Republican administrations into his, it becomes more and more apparent that the last original thought he had was to get sober, and that it was all outside control from there.

So basically, I'm scared. I'm scared that many black people will be fooled by the smokescreen of black people in foreign policy positions. Look beneath the surface. If they are focused on foreign problems, they really aren't in a position to help us or even influence domestic issues. And those who do have that power are conservatives who lack principle and hardly have our interests at heart or in mind. Be very wary friends, very wary. We have to put the pressure on this administration one way or the other. Otherwise, they are going to hurt us, and bad.



## The Editor Speaks

BY MICHAEL WINFIELD

The #1 thang pissin' OFF Mikey-Mike—now, as a quasi-experiment in alienation and apathy, I did not vote in the last election (uh-oh, methinks I let down The Race; I forthwith admit, I MUST therefore hate myself and pledge allegiance to the holy white race: Seig Heil!!); of course, this was an ingenious ploy (CUE Nosferatu laugh)—if Gore did not take NY (uh, THE industrial state since industry's invention), then he wasn't taking squat but a trip round the country on Air Force Two at his own expense. Whoops! The coke-sniffing party-stealer won—now what is rising the hairy, itchy widgets on my madcap MacGuffins but the Negroes (who, of course, shout so that others in The Race need not trouble their voices, thank you very much, kind sirs) who profess Bush will steer the Satanic cabinet into America's darkest hour—wow, I'm not about to pontificate on the past few Presidents, most of which were right-leaning (don't let the drugs and saxophone fool you), all the while the tax codes complicating, compounding, accruing, yet civil rights commanding a bigger seat at the bargaining table (sorry, not a socialist, but the German inclusion thing is maturing here—witness Jesse Jackson's muzzling by Wall Street—the beast has two heads)—anyhoo, what I was sayin' wuz: y'all too uptight. Bush ain't lynchin' nobody, and blah blah who fuckin' cares? Get your head out of Jesus' ass and stop taking yourself so seriously; no Gestapo gendarme will come and escort you back to the ghetto ("It's pogrom time!"), all the while sucking information from your brain with Matrix ("yo, dat movie deep.") fallopians, or force you to watch Bamboozled ("yo, dat movie save my life.") Entertainment Television: those things one does to himself. There are blacks in the cabinet who are not some black people's idea of Black—uh, so? All "white" people don't like Clinton, but that doesn't mean they send me perspectives, grumble about it in my earshot, or scowl and sip forties while pursuing higher education—so, if you're incapable of dealing with change (then don't work at a gas station—ba-doom-tsssh!), such as a man you don't like in the Oval Office (How could you not like a President? They dole out resources—they gotta give you sumptin' for their conscience. They're guilty about the whole 3/5ths thing.)—uh, shut up and take the broomstick out your ass and put your opinion there before reinsertion of Mr. Brisk Whiskers. Moving on—some dude snuck into another dude's room in Carver (hey, calm that down, this is not a homorape story involving Campus Police) to steal some weed—is the weed that good, Coches?—cuz den he (already blazin' or soused or "insert pejorative adjective here") jumps out the window an' cracks both legs on the curb, gets booted from ROTC ('...where jus' fo' lots o' runnin' you gets college fo' free!') and booted from college. Communal sigh. OK, I'm leaving out details ('cuz likes all propuh negras ls sho' fears de Devil!'), like that the dude whose room it was comes scrambling back, and the thief dude locketh the door, and now the drunk dude is in Mr. Scrambles' room, scrambling to score that sticky-icky, but Mr. Scrambles scrambles to get an RA to unlock his room, so drunk dude hurtles from the window instead of WAITING UNTIL MR. SCRAMBLES IS GONE AND JUST WALKING CALMLY TO THE ROOF TO SMOKE HIS SCORE, BEING THAT MR. SCRAMBLES HAD GONE TO GET THE RA, AND EVEN MORE SO, WAS A POTHEAD PER SE, SO CARED NOT FOR PROPRIETY, SUCH AS STEALING, MURDER, AND OTHER CRIMES NECESSARY TO SHIP THE MEAN GREEN WORLD-WIDE AND INTO HIS JONESIN', FIENDIN'-ASS HANDS. As an appendix: I suggest seeing Traffic. As another appendix: Why is it when you come home for break your Dad is singing in Spanish? So the moral of my stories is—uh, I dunno, look before you leap and don't stick your head up your ass and claim to find anything there but shit. Did you know Jerry has the SpringerCam now? Very Michael Moore TVNation-esque documentary verite. These peeps be REAL, yo! As a statement of profound disappointment: Some people never get older than 12. Maybe that's what I was talking about the whole time. And to all those who revile me: Congratulations! You've earned a degree in cognitive dissonance! Po'-pimpin'!



# The Crusade for Cable

*A Senior Leads the Effort to Wire the Towers for 2001*

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Bell along with loyal supporter and confidant, senior Physics major Charlezetta Wilson, and a few others who felt the crusade was worth fighting for, attempted to obtain signatures from all 1,634 residents in the Towers by going door-to-door.

However, the crusade was only able to procure some 600 signatures, less than half of the total students that call the Towers home. Some critics may ask why such a low total was acquired for a service that is considered standard in many schools across the nation? Bell says that the effort was

only able to obtain that total because she was pressed for time and wanted to present the petition to the administration.

Nonetheless, the signatures were a large enough quantity to move Bell's plan into its second phase.

Bell said in her letter that she was "disappointed that cable Television has not yet been installed" despite the many alleged guarantees made by University staff members. The letter also stated that if "Howard University asserts that it is a University for the students and about the students, this would be the perfect opportunity to confirm out faith in that claim."

The administration has indeed taken advantage of the opportunity. Frelow said that he received and planned to review the letter and petition with Campbell and Archer. Afterwards an open meeting would be scheduled with Bell and Wilson to discuss the best possible solution for the Towers installing cable. Although no official meeting date has been set, Frelow did leave a message on Bell's answering machine saying that the meeting could take place as early as Monday.

Unfortunately, for those students who reside in the Towers this semester, cable installation in the next few weeks does not

look feasible. In fact Charles Pryor, assistant property manager, said about the chances of the Towers receiving cable, "I doubt it very seriously." Frelow concurred.

Many Towers residents, including Bell, feel as though they are receiving the short end of the stick in the cable situation. "I don't think it's fair that we (Towers residents) have to pay the most for housing and still have nothing," Bell said.

"I am sick of the apathy," adds Wilson with a stern look on her face. "Once we (the students) work together and combine in a cohesive [unit] the change can be accomplished."

Perhaps change is not that far

off in the future. Frelow said that both the East and West Towers wiring has been in place and have been cable ready for years, however other projects such as the wireless Internet took precedence. Frelow also said that once a cable provider is selected that they would have to go through Verizon, the Tower's telephone service provider. Verizon would have to grant the cable company an assessment, which in turn gives the cable company the right to connect their service. The process of monitoring and billing for the cable service also would have to be discussed in detail before any decisions could be made.

The latest figure Frelow received for the total the total installation was \$20,000 back in 1997, nearly four years ago.

Many students are excited about the idea of having the multitude of information at the click of a remote control, not only for entertainment, but for academia as well. "Frequently professors in the School of C require us to watch news telecasts," said sophomore radio-TV-film major Roilyn Graves.

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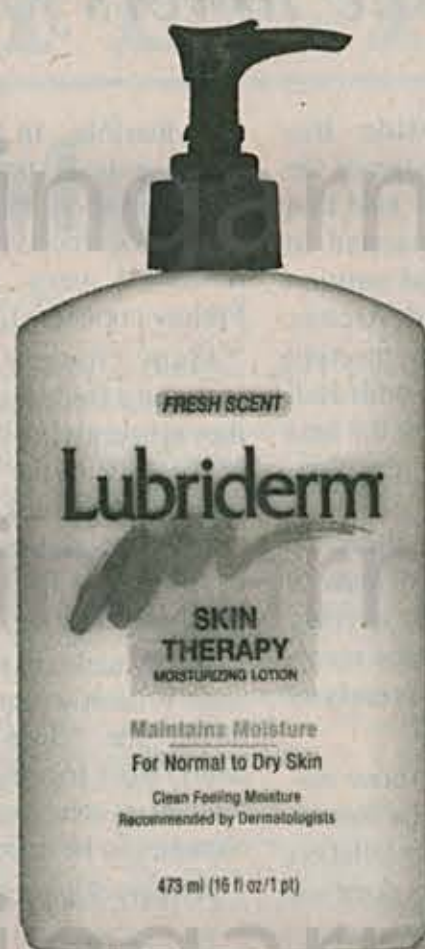
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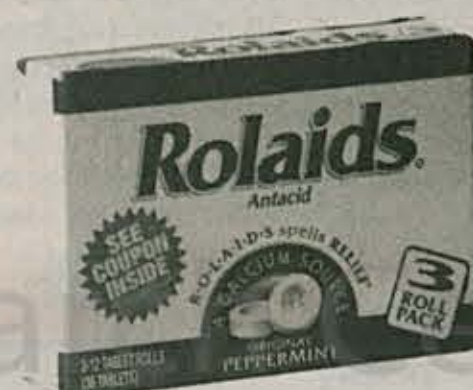




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### Tuition Still An Issue

We thought we avoided a tuition increase, but according to Thomas J. Elzey, executive vice president, chief operating officer and treasurer for the University, tuition is still an issue and it needs to be increased.

In the December 8, 2000 edition of the Hilltop, Elzey wrote a letter to the editor that said when the Hilltop reported that tuition would not be raised, that the editorial was misleading. Elzey said the Tuition and Rates Review Committee (TRRC) an advisory committee which is made up of faculty and students, was chosen to recommend if an issue of increasing tuition should be taken up with the Board of Trustees.

In the letter, Elzey said although the TRRC decided that a tuition increase was not needed, the ultimate decision to take the issue up with the trustees was up to him and University President, H. Patrick Swygert. What was the need for a committee if administrators would ignore what they said and push for a tuition increase anyway?

In a recent meeting with members of the Hilltop editorial board, Elzey said that any decision the TRRC makes can be opposed if "Students" of the University, such as Swygert and himself decided otherwise.

Elzey said that the TRRC was not aware of everything that would warrant an increase in tuition. The TRRC is made up of deans from different schools and colleges and faculty members. These seem like people educated enough to make a decision on whether or not tuition should be raised. The students who sit on the committee do not get a chance to vote on issues.

If tuition is raised, this will be the fifth straight year that tuition has gone up. The question the

Hilltop posed to Elzey and any members of the board of trustees, is when does it stop? Is this part of a bigger plan? Elzey denied that a tuition increase was a part of bigger scheme and that he did know if the University would have to raise tuition next year.

Elzey pointed out that the University has to pay for maintenance of new buildings, compete with other universities to pay nice salaries to faculty members, and keep up with technology and University development.

The question the Hilltop poses is what kind of job is the University doing raising money? It is unfair to the students if the University has not exhausted all possibilities before they come asking for money. The Hilltop is not opposed to the University charging students for fees if it is specified where they are going. The editorial board of the Hilltop understands that Howard has to be competitive and continue to attract the best and brightest students from across the globe, particularly African Americans. The editorial board stands behind the University in wanting to attract the best and be the best, but we do not stand behind a tuition increase if we do not know exactly where all the money is going.

Are Elzey and Swygert breaking any rules and are they overlooking any policies? If they can do this what can they not do? This shows how much the input of students and faculty, who were selected for this specific purpose, is really worth. Something is wrong when the decisions of those you select as being competent enough to make decisions like these is immediately overlooked.

### Concerning The Illtop

When the Illtop was launched, it brought with it press and acclaim. Would it be Howard's rival to the Harvard Lampoon, a lauded and esteemed magazine in the tradition of MAD and The Onion?

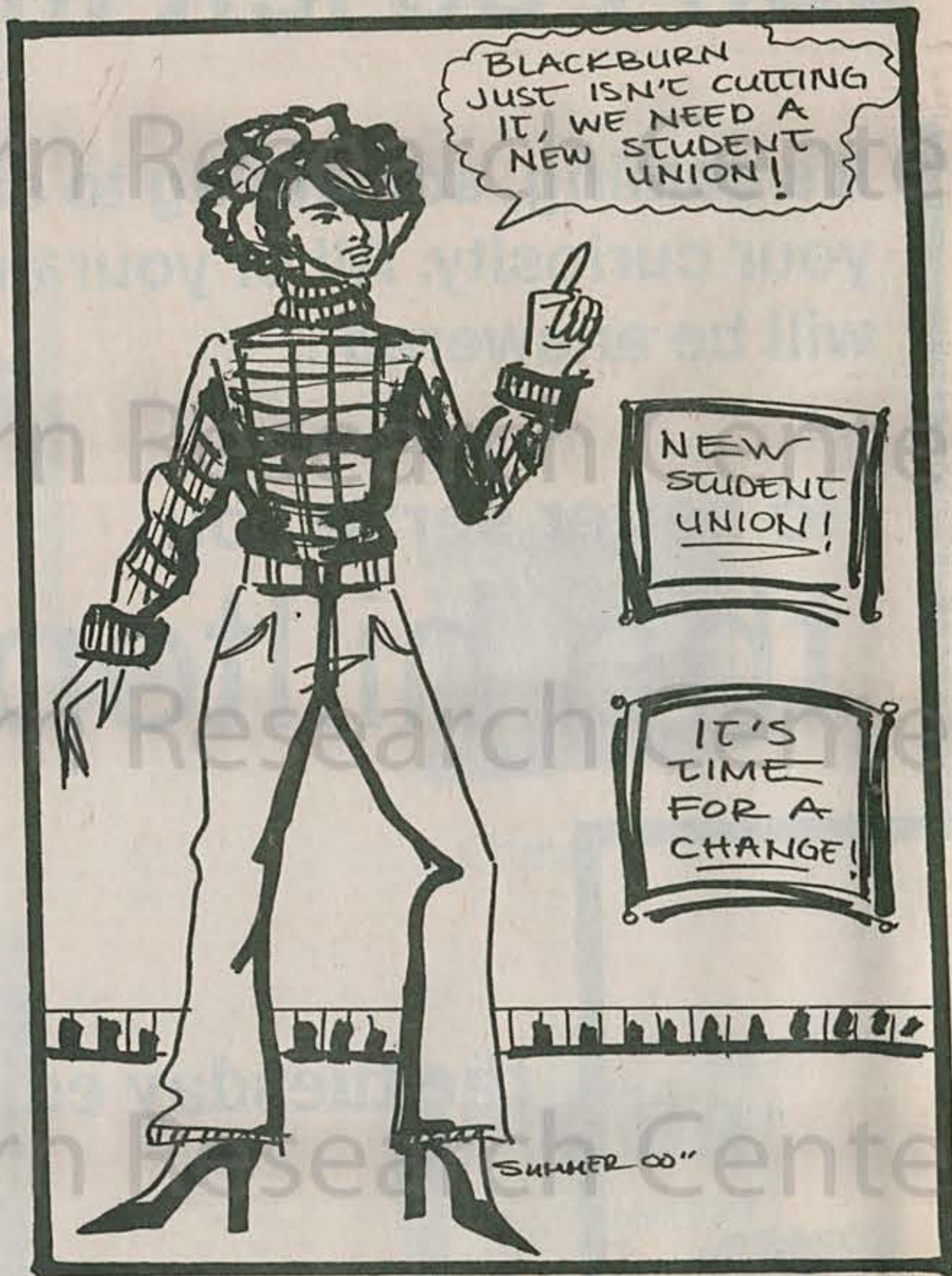
The answer now is resoundingly negative. The reason is not the inability of Howard students to fashion jokes or the inability of the Illtop to find its voice, it is the uptight, inverted racism of the administration. The inverted racism of which we speak is the kind that prevents free speech in the interest of conservatism, of presenting a positive face to the world — in essence, to white people, to the Establishment.

It is not just The Man that the administration wishes to please by whitewashing the Illtop — cutting away half of its girth, slicing out most of its humor, blocking most of its brainstorms — but the Black Establishment as well. The administration is capitalistic — Howard is a business — and any statements made with the good will of the administrative powers-that-be

must be tailored to turn profit.

This is great economic policy, but it is also blatant censorship and contrary to the interests of an institution of learning and existential growth. If Howard cannot be a breeding ground for new Black thought, which includes Black humor, then why does it exist? Howard is not merely a money-making venture — if it were, then there would be no reason for any of its traditions to hold true, its alma mater would have no value, and there would be no members of the Black Establishment to impress with its yellow-bellied Uncle Tom boot-licking conservatism.

Fine. Howard is more than an business — and if so, then it needs to loosen its vice grip on the Illtop, which is a mode of expression and mode of thought for many of its most free-spirited students. If Howard wants to produce assembly-line Blackfolk for The Man, it might as well just start stamping our foreheads with numbers and putting our grades online.



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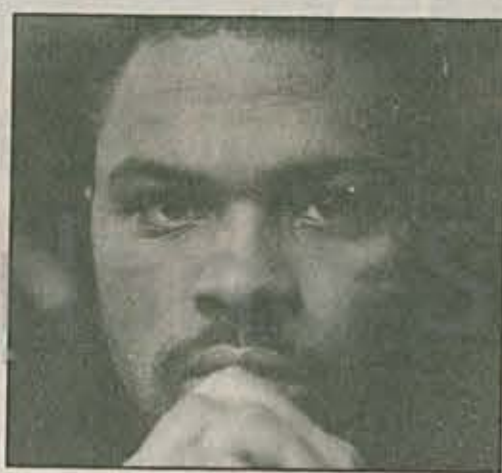
## Dear Trustees

# Howard University Students *Do* Give a Damn

The motivation for this article began when I saw a picture taken in the 60's of an old HUSA President. On the desk of the HUSA President sat a huge sign saying "Give a Damn" behind the sign sat a young black woman with large Afro and a serious look. I thought that is very fitting to get the message across so I chose it as my title. Please do not allow yourself to be turned off by the title thus ignoring the content. I apologize in advance for any offense.

A lot of changes are occurring on Howard's Campus and we as students must be sure that the changes made are addressing our needs. Below I have listed five areas that the students need addressed and solved. These five things are not the only things by far that the students care about but this serves as some reference and frame in which one can assess our desires.

1. The New Provost- For those of you who do not know the selection for the Provost will be made sometime in the near future. The Provost



**Sellano Simmons**

is the Chief Academic Officer on the University and second in command when the President is absent. The new Provost will be given larger jurisdiction, as President Swygert will begin to increase his travel and financial campaign for the University. The Provost will not only concentrate on the Academics but also the radio and television stations. The

students strongly along with the faculty feel that **George C. Wright** from Arlington, TX is the best candidate for the job. He has a great grasp on the position and understands Howard's mission.

2. Teacher Evaluations Posted- I have had the opportunity to visit various Universities around the surrounding community and have seen that in each Course Bulletin a grade or number is placed next to the teacher. This grade/number correlates with the evaluations by the students taken after each semester or annually. Every semester teachers are supposed to be evaluated, these evaluations are taken but we, as students never hear about them.

3. Increase Graduate Assistantships- Several Grad students rather in history or Speech Pathology or History needs more graduate money available. Work study and assistant-

ship should be made available for these students who are in our graduate programs, not only that but Grad students should be having more TA positions available, this will allow professors to do research and grad students the chance to interact in a classroom.

4. Retention Rate Increase/Black male recruitment- We need to ensure that students at Howard University are staying. This semester I heard too many stories of students leaving for various reasons, ranging from our dance program to customer service of Howard University. We also need to make deliberate efforts to maintain black male recruitment and retention. The other day as I visited the Medical School and Dental School it was hard for me to spot any black male presence. We must continue to ensure not only undergraduate but also professional school enrollment.

5. Customer Service/Alumni Contribution- The lines are to long! Well students maybe its time we do what we are suppose to do. Apply and

register on time and check on your financial aid frequently. I myself have fallen short and not filled out the FAFSA but we must do our part. President Swygert has went as far as posting names on the Howard web page, e-mailing individuals on the Howard e-mail accounts and even pulling individuals out of class to get them to sign their promissory notes. However, this does not justify the service we receive from some Howard employees. This ranges from the Counselors office to the Punch out. Financial Aid has notoriously been blamed for being rude, but really who could blame them they for years have never had their offices renovated and currently are without a director.

Alumni give back directly corresponds with how we treat these students today. Students need to feel validated and appreciated even if enough money is not in their accounts. Alumni Give back is crucial to the University, so students and the government do not have to continue supporting the University out of pocket.

As the Board meets this Friday and as the Academic Excellence Committee meets I want you all to take time to read this. I know that the agenda is filled with official Howard University Business, but nothing is as important as the voice of the students. As stated there are other issues these are just five small ones, out of thousands. As you can see I did not belittle myself or the students by speaking about the elevators that do not work, the lack of cable wiring in the dorms, or the lack of food selection, my students have to endure. Furthermore, The TRRC submitted to Dr. Elzey a recommendation **not to increase undergraduate tuition**. What is the point of having an advisory committee if you do not listen to there advise? This will be the strongest information our Student Trustees will have going into this meeting, please take heed to it.

*Sellano Simmons is the President of Howard University Student Association.*

## Mr. Powell: Do the Right Thing

### Damon Waters

Well, the counting, according to the US Supreme Court, is over. The decision has been made. And George W. Bush will be America's next president. The man who pledged to be "a uniter and not a divider," has been successful in dividing this nation not simply along political lines, but also along gender lines, class lines and racial lines. In the end, he will exaggerate the chasm between all these groups by reading more into his (il)legitimate election by finding a nonexistent mandate to gut Social Security, rewrite civil rights legislation, possibly deny a (poor) woman's right to choose, and reverse the economic gains of the past eight years with unnecessary tax cuts for people who don't need them. But none of this, for now, is my main point of discussion. Instead, I am nauseated by the next fraud that George W. will perpetrate on the American people. The fraud that he is instituting his "affirmative access" program, whatever that means, in his White House. By parading a few Latino faces, mainly his own family members, Ms. Rice, and the most "prized" of all minority's in his corner, Howard's own Trustee, General Colin Powell, Mr. Bush will seek to bamboozle the American people by pretending to be inclusive and compassionate, despite his record.

Rather than flaunting, as was done in slavery times, your new 'buck', Mr. Bush, ask Attorney General Reno and the Justice Department to make a full-faith investigation of the numerous acts of disenfranchisement that went on in several states of the Old Confederacy, that ironically you won! Reports are not simply out of Florida of voter intimidation, but reports have surfaced out of Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, and other states where minorities were literally harassed for trying to exercise their 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to cast a vote for the highest office in the land.

Moreover, Mr. Bush, ask your brother why throughout his state, in largely Black, Hispanic and other minority areas, superordinary efforts to keep minorities from voting were taken. Ask your brother, why in those same areas, the machinery for electing a president was generations old, did not work properly, if at all, but in areas that you won heavily the machinery was top of the line. Any 'compassionate' individual would. But one cannot expect someone who has presided over a parade of inhumane murders, even of the mentally retarded, to do the right thing when it is not in his best political aspirations. I do not think that George W. Bush is per se an evil man. Because with all due respect and deference, I do not think that he possesses the mental capacity to develop any sustainable program of ill intent and malice. But he is impressionable and he is being used as a tool to advance the motives of the Reactionary wing of the Republican Party. But I digress.

This message is more a plea to Gen. Powell, who at this moment is probably the most notable African American in America. Arguably he is the most revered and respected *American*, despite the amount of melanin in his skin. But Gen. Powell, are you an American and a General who happens to be Black or a Black American General? Gen. Powell, you supposedly represent everything that the Republicans and Democrats are not. Gen. Powell, ignore the fact that you can have any position that you wish in a Bush Administration. I implore you to remember what it took for Mr. Bush to become president. Remember how he proudly paraded across the stage at Bob Jones University being applauded and cheered by those sexist, bigots. How he pledged to appoint justices who would undermine the gains of minorities and women of the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and, with that smug, arrogant crooked-mouthed sneer boasted about putting people to death in Texas, while lying about supporting and signing hate-crimes legislation. Gen. Powell, if nothing else, recall his ambivalence and utter evasiveness when questioned on the very subject you implored the Party at the Convention to support: affirmative action. Gen. Powell, please realize that you are nothing but a political pawn, a token appointment to make Mr. Bush appear to be compassionate and concerned about the plight of people of color. You are his "affirmative access" hire! And in the end, I hope that you will decide that the best thing for you and for our long struggle is to say no to any requests to join his administration. Because for many Americans, chiefly the most vulnerable among us, America's promise (pun intended), hasn't been and may never be realized, especially with George W. at the helm.

In the end, as T.S. Eliot wrote: "The last temptation is the greatest treason: To do the right deed for the wrong reason." Yes, it would be nice to have an African American as Secretary of State or Secretary of Defense, but at what cost? Because, what good is it to gain the world, if you lose your soul?

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## The Great Mirage

For three years I have been a loyal and faithful Howard University student. I have given this University all that I have had and expected nothing but the best in return. For three years I have watched tuition rise along with housing at points, and still waited only until last year's 3 percent tuition increase to cry injustice. Nevertheless, as Howard students sit and await the fourth consecutive—and greatest—tuition increase in four years, I can no longer remain understanding, I refuse to stretch reality in order to justify a tuition increase for yet another year. I will not waste my time trying to convince myself let alone my peers that Drew Hall's air conditioning and the Towers' cable is "just around the corner". Howard students have continuously showered this University with increased amounts of their dollars, steadily building a rainbow of money while being sold a "pot of gold" full of benefits and amenities. This pot of gold is nothing more than a dream. It is a mirage. And I refuse to buy into this mirage any longer.

The Tuition Rates and Review Committee [TRRC] made the recommendation to chief financial officer of the University and Executive Vice President, Thomas Elzey, to stabilize undergraduate tuition while increasing graduate programs at a different rate as well as approving an array of specific, detailed, and outlined fees. The committee is an advisory committee, approximately five years in existence that is responsible for making recommendations to the Executive Vice President regarding yearly tuition rates and suggest whether or not increasing or stabilizing such rates is in the better interest of the University. It is composed of deans and administrators from all aspects of University life, as well as two **non-voting** student members. The individuals affected most by the decisions made by the committee can do little more than



**Charles Coleman, Jr.**

lobby voting members in favor of their cause. Our student representatives to this committee have served us valiantly and admirably, and succeeded in persuading the committee to recommend a tuition freeze for undergraduate programs. In five years, I have never once known of this "advisory" committee to have its recommendation overruled by the Executive Vice President and rightfully so. If after receiving a recommendation from a committee, one decides to overrule or go against what was advised, the true nature of the committee is clearly defeated.

Despite all of this, Vice-President Elzey is of the belief that the advice of the committee, regardless of the sound and well-placed research supporting their decision is not in the best interest of the University. He stands in favor of a 3.5% increase in tuition and 5% increase in housing and an increase in meal plans and roughly \$200-250 worth of additional fees and charges. And so the rainbow continues to be built. The justification? The health center being moved, cable in the Towers, re-wiring the residence halls for the Internet,

increased cost in shuttle service, more security. These sound great right? Probably if this is you're a freshman or sophomore, but if you are any older and can recall how familiar the promises of these same improvements sound at the tune of three consecutive tuition increases, I'm sure you are just as unmoved by these claims as I am. It is irresponsible and unacceptable to continue to take greater amounts of student's money for projects and initiatives that come into fruition years later after even more increases. I will not stand for it and vow, with the power that this undergraduate student body has placed with me to fight against it. I will fight to keep the finance committee of the Board from approving this, and I will fight it tooth and nail if and when it comes before the full board for a vote this afternoon.

I am against the notion that the TRRC's recommendation should be dismissed so easily. If the recommendation and advice of a committee is made only to be arbitrarily overruled in a final decision, then the purpose of the committee is defeated. Whereas I understand the University's charge that new projects cost money and that inflation and the economy require a greater level of tuition and fees, and that nothing can happen overnight, I also understand that Drew Hall still doesn't have air conditioning. I also understand that the student Health Center does not even have concrete plans for relocation, let alone actual action in that direction. I understand what is of greatest overall importance which remains: it is irresponsible and unjustifiable to continue to take more of students' money without a greater level of disclosure on behalf of the University as well as increasingly concrete steps in the way of project completion. I will not support a tuition increase as I cannot justify nor will I try to justify Howard University students continuing to throw their money on the tuition rainbow only to be led toward a mirage. I will vote NO!!!

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## The Presidential Saga

### Jacquelyn D. Cunningham

On December 14, 2000, in accordance with park regulations, as contained in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission was granted to me to conduct a public gathering. The purpose of this gathering was to demonstrate my concern over the election of George Bush as president. On December 18th I started my protest at 9:00 a.m. and my protest was resumed at 6:00 p.m. There were many stipulations that park regulations placed on my protest. One of which included walking back and forth from the east to the west wing of the white house. I adhered to all of the stipulations so that I would not find myself in trouble with the police in that jurisdiction.

It was an extremely cold day and I endured this weather as well as the intimidating looks that were given to me by the police officers on duty. It was

extremely important for me to get my message across. My message is I do not think democracy was in action the way George Bush became our President Elect. Furthermore, the voice of the people was not heard because of the uncounted votes and other discrepancies in Florida. I knew that my protest would not take George Bush out of the white house; however, as a citizen of the United States and an African American woman, I felt it was my duty to protest. In addition to the various ways that I demonstrated including marching, and chanting, I had a sign that stated "Watch Bush Ruin The Economy". I rented a megaphone so that I could speak out loud against the dismantling of affirmative action that Bush has implemented in the state of Texas when he reigned there as governor. Secondly, I spoke out against the "big" tax break that he will give the wealthiest in the nation. Finally, I spoke out about my objection towards the high death sentence rate in the state of Texas. This is not a man that the black community needs to make political or judicial appointments or carry out any

other duties of a president.

I challenge all Howard students to exercise their freedom of speech and march on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2001 against the inauguration of George Bush. The march will start at 10:00 a.m. at 14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue N.W. D.C. Issues will be addressed at the march such as racial profiling, affirmative action, education, voting reform and much more. Many prestigious African American movers and shakers will be there. We should be there too, as future movers and shakers. Bush will be in the white house for four years. So, if your intention is to get Bush out of the white house, your efforts will prove abortive. However, there is much we can do to eliminate these voting irregularities and many other problematic issues in the future. Let's be like our forefathers and MARCH!!!! Dissipate and free yourselves from indifference and demonstrate your political maturity.

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Best Wishes to:

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## Gardner Leads The Nation In Rebounding

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GREENSBORO, NC (Jan. 10) - Howard University junior forward, Andrea Gardner, leads the NCAA in rebounding with an average of 15.4 rebounds per game. She has led the nation in rebounding this entire season.

The Washington, DC native has proven to be a warrior in the paint. Twice this season she has pulled in over 20 rebounds. On December 16, she snared 27 rebounds against State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook. That total is currently the highest amount of rebounds pulled in by any women's player in NCAA Division I basketball this year. She also has the fifth highest amount of rebounds in a game this season, on December 6th she pulled in 22 rebounds against Norfolk State University.

Gardner's average has been up to 16.4 rebounds per game during one point this season. During that time Howard was playing some of the top programs in

the NCAA. Against Colorado on November 24th she scored 13 points and pulled in 15 rebounds. Against, currently 18th ranked Mississippi State she recorded 10 points and seven rebounds, after getting into early foul trouble. She also had 12 points and eight rebounds against currently 21st ranked Vanderbilt University. On November 18th she scored 18 points and snatched in 17 boards against the University of Maryland. Finally, she had another good game on December 29th, as she scored 15 points and pulled in 15 rebounds against Northeastern University.

Gardner, who stands at 6-foot-3, was selected to the 2000-2001 MEAC Preseason All-Conference Team this year, after finishing last year with averages of 11.2 points per game and 11.3 rebounds per game. She is currently averaging 17.4 points per game (3rd in MEAC) and shoots a league-best 53-percent from the field.



## Lady Bison Win Convincingly Over FAMU and Remain Undefeated in MEAC, While Bison Men Lose to Rattlers

By ALICIA JOHNSON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Lady Bison came out on fire in their decisive 99-81 victory over the Rattlerettes of Florida A&M January 13. Connecting on 8-16 from the 3-point line in the first half, the Lady Bison led 52-35 at halftime.

The Lady Bison were led by freshman guard Essence Coggins, who shot an impressive 6-10 from the 3-point line and finished with a career-high 28 points and 13 rebounds.

Continuing her dominating post presence, sophomore Andrea Gardner dropped 20 points in the Howard victory.

Lackluster shooting and 27 turnovers kept the Rattlerettes, (7-7, 3-3) from coming within nine points in the second half. Forward Phaedra Mashburn led the Rattlerettes with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Guards Asia Petty and Nicole Jackson each scored 17 points and dished out 4 assists to improve The Lady Bison record to 7-5, 4-0 in the MEAC.

Men Lose to FAMU

The Florida A&M Rattlers handed the visiting Bison their tenth loss of the season with an 83-80 victory on January 13. Top scorer for the Rattlers Demarcus Wilkins dropped 23 points and a game high nine assists in the comeback victory.

The Bison led 43-38 at halftime and jumped out to an early 13-point lead in the second half.

However, the Bison could not hold off the surging Rattlers and lost their lead in the final minutes of the game.

Rattler Abdelkhandre Cisse's dunk with 4:33 left on the clock tied the game at 65. Nicholas Ross charged up Florida A&M by scoring all 16 of his points in the second half. Ross connected on a lay-up and hit five key free throws to give the Rattlers the lead in the final seconds. Time expired before guard Jonathan Stokes could get off a 3-pointer that would have sent the game into overtime.

Stokes finished with 25 points and seven assists. Forward Darren Kennedy finished with 12 points in the Howard loss. The Bison record stands at 3-10, 1-3 in the MEAC with the loss.

## Indoor Track Qualifies for the MEAC Championships

By SIMONE S. BRIDGES  
Hilltop Staff Writer

While most of us spent the long weekend chilling or partying, Howard's indoor track team spent last Saturday and Sunday competing at the Bucknell University meet in Lewisburg, PA. The team demonstrated true merit, qualifying for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championships to be held in Princess Anne, MD on February 23 and 24.

Howard is expected to do well and score in the MEAC meet.

"In each meet we improve," said sophomore Jodi Reid. "We still have some work to do, but once we click and all the missing links are present, we're strong!"

As a whole, Reid feels that there is a "strong and motivated women's team with good freshmen."

Some of the qualifying Bison included Tariq Mix, who ran an impressive 6.48 seconds in the 55-meter dash.

Fifty-Five-meter hurdler Bernard Murray qualified with a time of 7.90 and David Oliver with a 7.65.

Lance Cross, who was named MVP of the meet, jumped 23 feet, 11 inches in the long jump.

The women's DMR (Distance Medley Relay) also qualified for the championship meet with a time of 12 minutes, 48.65 seconds. In the women's triple jump, Tilita Luterloh soared 38 feet to qualify.

"We had a good turn around," said junior "Jimmy" Thomas. "The coaches have been doing good and I feel pretty optimistic about the team."

## Game Predictions

# Ravens and Giants Prepare to Battle in Superbowl

By BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF and  
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Hilltop Writers

Who would have thunk it? The Baltimore Ravens, in their fifth year of existence, reach the Super Bowl for the first time against a New York Giants team which some people thought to be one of the worst teams in football. Both teams boast stingy defenses and conservative offenses, but only one will emerge as Super Bowl Champion. Tyrone "Tydigga" McCandies and Brandon "Clark Kent" Bickerstaff break down the facts on both teams.

**Tydigga says:**

There is no comparison to this Raven defense. The Steel Curtain (Steelers), Fearsome Foursome (Rams), nor the '85 Bears come close to it. It set a National Football League record by allowing only 165 points in 16 regular season games, four of those being shutouts. It also lead the league in rushing defense, allowing only 60 yards a game. It has forced a whopping 49 turnovers and are at a plus 23 advantage in turnover ratio.

Led by linebacker Ray Lewis (137 tackles), the 2000 defensive player of the year, the Baltimore defense manhandles its opponents. In my opinion, Lewis should have been League MVP, but you know that offense wins individual honors.

If you were thinking that Lewis is a one man wrecking crew, you're right. However, he has a lot of help. Let's start with the defensive linemen. Rob Burnett (10.5 sacks) anchors a front four that makes opposing quarterbacks wet their britches. Along with Tony Siragusa, Michael McCrary (6.5 sacks) and Sam (he doesn't have his own beer) Adams, this line is able to pressure the QB without the help of the linebackers.

Speaking of linebackers, the Ravens have three good ones. The NFL should issue a warning to offensive coordinators about the violent nature of Baltimore game film. You know about Ray Lewis, but what about Jamie Sharper and Peter Boulware? These three keep the ground crews picking up teeth after football games at PSInet Stadium after games.

Once you get by the linebackers, you run into a hard-hitting secondary led by Rod Woodson. Then you add Chris McAlister (4 INTs and 1 TD) and Ken Herring. Finally, you add Duane Starks (6 INTs) to the pot and you have the best defense in the league's history.

Okay, the Giants had a great offensive explosion last week, but these are not the Vikings and this isn't your daddy's defense. The Ravens get after you on the defensive end and they make big plays. Another thing in their favor is that the offense does not make dumb mistakes and can usually come up with a huge play (ask

Oakland and Denver) of their own.

Jamal Lewis is the workhorse of this team. The 231-pound rookie from Tennessee leads the team in rushing with 1,364 yards and 6 touchdowns on the year. Quarterback Trent Dilfer is a smart leader, and it doesn't hurt to have tight end/wide receiver/MOUTH Shannon Sharpe to provide leadership.

We can't forget game-breaker Jermaine Lewis (no relation to Ray or Jamal), who can turn a game around by simply touching the ball. Finally, there's automatic field-goal kicker Matt Stover (25 of 27 field goals), who was the Raven offense in October.

I believe that defensive coordinator Mo Lewis (no relation to anybody on the team by the name of Lewis) will only need two field goals to stop a Giants offense that will have offensive guard Lomas Brown and running back Tiki Barber at half speed. Quarterback Kerry Collins is good, but so was Rich Gannon and Steve McNair. Ravens by 10 in this one. When I say 10, I mean as in 10-0.

**Clark Kent says:**

Okay, so the Ravens have the top defensive unit in the league. We know this. I am not one to hide from the facts, and the fact is that Baltimore's defense is stingier than Scrooge on the first of the month. This is the defense that shut down the number one rushing attack in the league in the Oakland Raiders. This is the same

defense that sent Denver and Tennessee packing before facing the Raiders. This is the same defense that holds a number of the NFL's records and honors.

While defense has played a crucial role in Baltimore's success throughout the season, especially in the playoffs, I think in the case of this year's Super Bowl, the offense of the New York Giants will prove to be the difference. Though they haven't necessarily been a high-flying powerhouse throughout the season, this Giants attack will have confidence and a host of young talent driving them towards Super Bowl glory for the first time in a decade.

First and foremost, we need to start with the lifeblood of this offensive unit, quarterback Kerry Collins. Judging from his years in Carolina and with the New Orleans Saints, I never thought I would find myself bestowing upon him the title of Marquee Player. However, Collins' 381-yard, five-touchdown passing performance in the Giants' 41-0 rout of the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football Conference title game proves that he is more than worthy of the honor. Collins has thrown for 506 yards so far in the post season, completing 69 percent (40-58) of his passes. Though the Ravens' highly touted defense has terrorized opposing quarterbacks as of late, Collins has received a lot of help from his offensive line, which has allowed him to be sacked only once in this

year's playoffs.

Collins will have great targets in wide receivers Ike Hilliard and Amari Toomer. Hilliard has been the go to guy so far, pulling in 13 catches for 190 yards and two touchdowns. Toomer is explosive when he gets his hands on the ball and can create game-breaking plays out of five- or ten-yard receptions.

The Ravens have prided themselves on a vicious, record-setting run defense that contained the Titans' Eddie George (91 yards, 27 carries, 1 TD) and completely shut down the Raiders' Tyrone Wheatley (seven yards, 12 carries) in two consecutive weeks. The Ravens have not yet met New York's "Thunder 'n' Lightning," running backs Ron Dayne and Tiki Barber, however, and the match-up looks to be interesting, at least.

Despite my focus on the Giants' offensive attack, the defensive unit is no slouch, either. Michael Strahan (66 tackles, 9.5 sacks this season), Jessie Armstead (102 tackles, five sacks), Keith Hamilton (10 sacks) and Micheal Barrow (92 tackles, 3.5 sacks) lead a strong front seven for New York.

The Giants' secondary, led by cornerback Jason Sehorn, managed to do the impossible in shutting down Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper. Randy Moss connection that has made defensive backs wet their beds prior to game day. They will have to have another big day against Baltimore's trash-talking tight end Shan-

non Sharpe, who set a new NFL Playoffs record for longest reception from scrimmage with a 96-yard touchdown romp against Oakland.

The bottom line is that Baltimore's defense has been hearing that it is the best all year long. It is bound to become complacent. I think the Ravens expect to walk all over this Giants team, but it just won't happen. Even though I am a former Cleveland Browns fan (vintage Bernie Kosar, Webster Slaughter and Eric Metcalf), my seething hatred for the relocated-Ravens has nothing to do with my decision. It will be close, but I take New York 23-20 over Baltimore. I also predict that Shannon Sharpe will be gagged with a bar of soap and duck-taped following the game. Furthermore, Ravens defensive lineman Tony Siragusa will be forced to repent for his flagrant hit on Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon last week by some renegade fan on a kamikaze mission from the Bay Area of California.

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Section  
**B**

# Life & Style

## POINT of VIEW

### Cost of Tuition: \$24,104 Chance to be a Trojan: Priceless

By DONITRA CLEMONS

It was like I had walked onto the set of "Saved by the Bell" or "California Dreams". There were real, live surfer dudes coasting on skateboards, Baywatch babes on bikes, others on scooters, and then there was me; seemingly always against the flow of on-comers. The sun was shining, smiles and salutations came from faces I did not know, and there was fresh carbon monoxide in the air. The place was similar to my native surroundings, Houston, Texas, yet I still didn't feel quite at home. I was in Los Angeles on the campus of the University of Southern California. My mission was to be a Trojan for five months.

I had decided to spend a semester at USC, partly inspired by the movie, "Love and Basketball", but since I don't play college basketball I hoped to make my own rendition: Love and Shopping Mall. Other than my movie, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. However, once I stepped outside of the microcosm of Howard University, I found a world more closely resembling reality. The most obvious difference was the ethnic configuration of USC in comparison to HU. While Howard is 86 percent Black, USC has more diversity, being 47 percent White, 24 percent Asian-Pacific Islander, 14 percent Hispanic/Latino, 6 percent Black, and 1 percent American Indian/Alaskan Native. Although I was a part of the only 6 percentage

of Blacks on campus, race seemed to be more emphasized at Howard more than USC prima face. But every now and then, a little tension arose. For example, the school had to abolish its' tradition of hanging UCLA (their rivals) stuffed bears, because it was too reminiscent of Black lynchings. Another difference was the male/female ratio.

Then comes the price tag to join O.J. Simpson, Macy Gray, and Mark McGuire (to name a few) in being a USC alum. USC costs \$24,104 a year, in comparison to Howard's tuition fees of \$8,320 a year. However, USC's tuition doesn't even include a matriculation fee, so any extra costs must come from the students' pockets. This includes health care, football games, which range from \$25-\$50 (yes people still attend them), and even printouts in the computer labs.

I am frequently asked which school I prefer, and I honestly see both institutions as having their perks and flaws. Your education is what you make of it and I would advise anyone to leave Howard in an exchange program for at least a semester. Though I must admit that it feels nice to have your registration delivered to you on a silver platter, there is no place likehome.

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By JAMYE E. SPILLER  
Chief Copy Editor

No matter what you call it — XTC, Ecstasy, Adam, Cristal — Ecstasy is where it is. Today, the club scene and music industry are buzzing about Ecstasy. Rappers are mentioning it routinely like it is an everyday thing. Jay-Z raps, "Papi's on Cris, Mami on E, can't keep her little model hands off me," while Cash Money chants on their latest release, "I been popping Ecstasy, drinking Hennessey..."

What was once known as a drug that only young White Americans used has entered the Black community. 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, commonly known as Ecstasy, was created by a German company in 1912 to be used as a possible appetite suppressant. In the United

States, some therapists have used the drug to facilitate psychotherapy.

The drug comes in pill or powder form. As a pill, the drug is taken orally. In its powder form, Ecstasy users can either snort or smoke the drug.

The psychological effects from the drug range from confusion, sleeplessness, anxiety and paranoia to more serious effects such as depression.

The risks of the drug are similar to those found with amphetamines and cocaine.

Where it may have graced the campus of nearby universities such as Georgetown, Ecstasy has made its way to Howard.

Some feel that the reason the drug is making its way to the Black community is because of the number of hip-hop artists who are seemingly endorsing the drug's use. Many rappers includ-

ing Eminem and Dr. Dre, have rapped about using Ecstasy and the sexual "rewards" of its use.

According to the substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the heaviest use of the drug was reported for those between the ages of 18-25.

Elim Betton, a Doctor of Pharmacy candidate from the School of Pharmacy, thinks that one of the reasons Ecstasy's popularity has increased so dramatically is because of its convenience. "With Ecstasy, all you have to do is pop a pill, where as with marijuana you have to deal with the smell," Betton said. "Marijuana is the gateway drug to a lot of illicit drugs. After people develop a tolerance for that, they want to try something stronger," Betton said.

In the past two years, seven Ecstasy labs were seized as well as the U.S. Customs Service

seizure of about 700 pounds of the drug. The street value was estimated at \$30 million.

Rahim Jenkins\*, a senior from Texas, felt that the drug lives up to much of the hype that's made about it. "It feels so erotic. Everything is super sensitized, even breathing," Jenkins thinks the reason Ecstasy is so popular is because the feeling that you get is so great. "Everything feels like you're on the verge of orgasm," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said that the price of the pills (\$30) is expensive enough that the high you receive from the drug should be equaled to that.

"I think I'll try it again, but this time I want to climax," Jenkins said.

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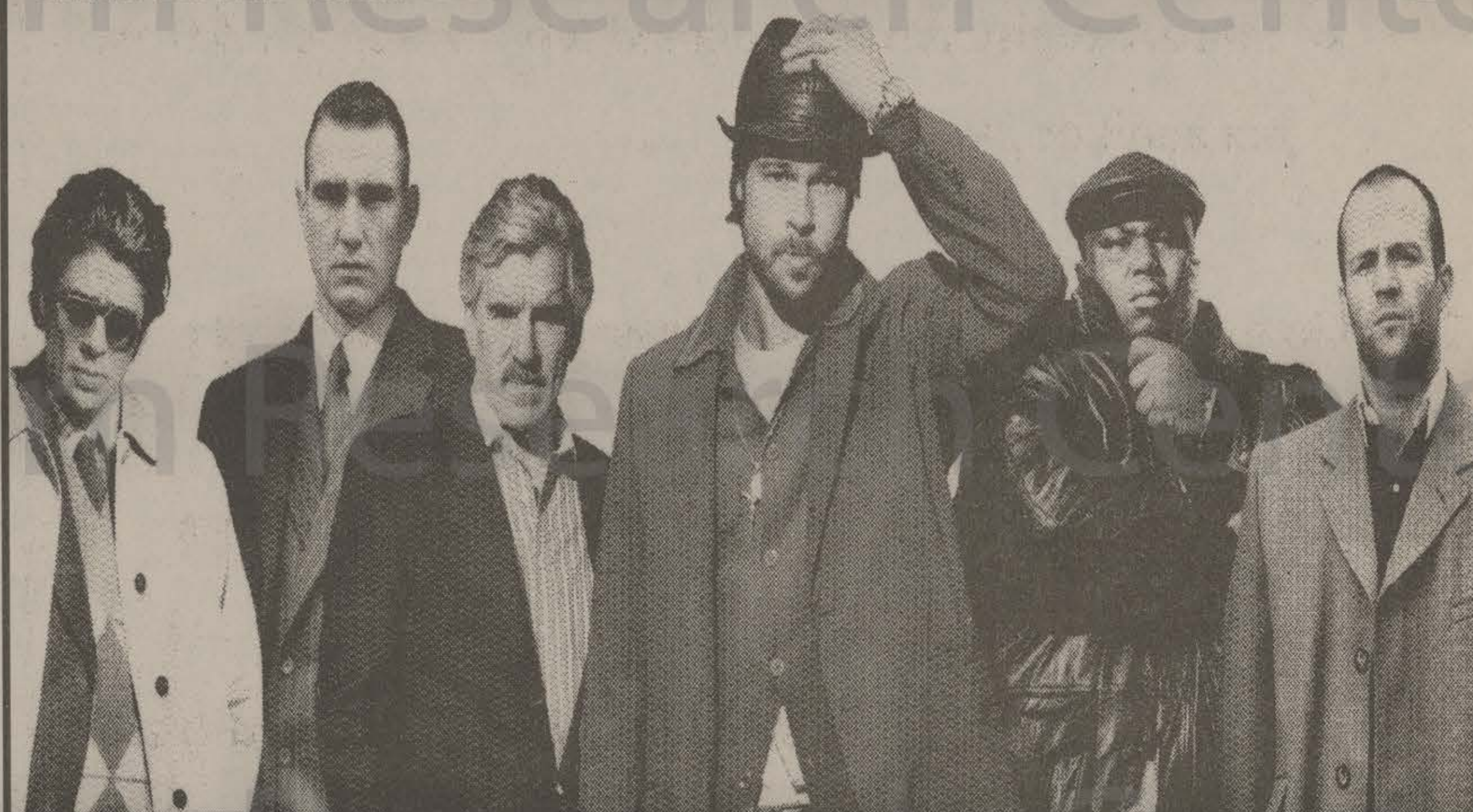
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## Snoop Makes Comeback on New LP

By DERRICK K. NAYO  
Hilltop Staff Writer

That familiar sound we were all introduced to on the *Doggystyle* album has returned on Snoop Doggy Dogg's latest release, *Tha Last Meal*. While the title of the album gives us a sly personification of a dog eating for the last time, it's understood where Snoop is heading with this album. This is his last stop with *No Limit Records* and the dawning of Snoop on Dr. Dre's new label, *Aftermath*. Contributing to the head-bobbin album are producers Timberland, Dr. Dre, Jelly Roll, Battle Cat, and other beneficial producers who brought this production to the forefront of present gangsta rap.

The hot single "Snoop Dogg", which was produced by Timberland, comes with the funk and gangsta flow intertwined into one club jump-

ing song that everybody must be feeling. Making a special return onto the music seen is The Lady Rage as she makes a surprising appearance on the second Timberland track, "Set it off". I would say that this is, arguably, the best track on the album featuring MC Ren, The Lady of Rage, Ice Cube, and Nate Dogg who always comes through on the catchy choruses. But we can't forget about Snoop's singing on, "Leave me Alone", as he puts himself on a marginal plateau compared to past rappers who've decided to test their vocal chords (Puff, Biggy, Mase). As for your trip home in your vehicle, play track eight, "Stacy Adams", which allows you to cruise with a subtle bob of the head and a smirk of satisfaction on your face as you say to yourself, "Snoops done it again." The sentimental side of Snoop comes through on "Loosen Control", with

the chorus revealing, "I was in love at times/ I was so hurt she made me forget my rhymes." Though Snoop comes smooth and compassionate on "Loosen Control", the last track, "Y'all gone miss me", comes with a firm and parting message, as he gives thanks to Master P, peace to Tupac, blessings to his enemies, and a welcoming to his future- *Doggystyle Records* and *Aftermath*.

With a four-mic tag given to the *Last Meal* by the, sometimes, controversial *Source* magazine when ratings are involved, this album is a recognized achievement by the enduring Snoop Doggy Dogg, and his second best effort- *Doggystyle* being his first. Don't forget to pick this album up whether you're a true fan or not, because this is another classic for Snoop. And please, be legit about it. Buy the "real" album.

## Entertainment Notes

By Brandon A. Miller  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Following a huge year producing songs for almost everybody in the industry, Timbaland is set to drop another album with his partner in rhyme Magoo. The Norfolk, VA natives plan to release their sophomore effort, "Indecent Proposal," in coming months. Their 1997 debut album, "Welcome to Our World" went platinum.

Outkast is planning to release a double album for the end of 2001 or early 2002. The duo plans to record 40 tracks for the as yet untitled album. One disc will contain material from Big Boi and the other disc will contain material from Dre3000 (Andre).

On the R&B front, Dru Hill will be releasing "Dru World Order" this summer. Dru Hill's lead man, Sisqo, also is set to release another solo album, "Return of the Dragon," this year. The first single from Sisqo's new solo album, "Infatuated," will be on radio stations in February.

After the highly successful Hard Knock Life Tour, there are rumors of a second Hard Knock Life Tour hitting arenas in early to mid 2001. Jay-Z and the Dynasty obviously are being mentioned as a part of the tour but Ludacris, Ja Rule, and R. Kelly are rumored to be involved.

An overdose of codeine, mixed with drugs caused the death of DJ Screw in November according to a spokesperson for the Harris County Medical Examiner's office. DJ Screw was renowned in the South for his "screwed up" versions of tracks, which he would manually slow down using the pitch control on a turntable. DJ Screw also owned the Screwed Up record store and record label in Houston, Texas.

## Another Year, Another List of Hit Movies

By SEAN BOGLE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A new year means the emerging of new movies. Last year, movie viewers had a long list of quality films to pick from. Whether it was the blood and war blockbuster, "Gladiator," or the romantic and sporty "Love and Basketball," Hollywood didn't have many weekends go by without a box office smash in the year 2000. Unfortunately it looks like you don't want to get your hopes up too up too high for this year in movie flicks. 2001 can only depend on a few movies to help keep Hollywood afloat this year.

"Pearl Harbor," starring Cuba Gooding Jr. will be this year's "Independence Day" and will have a chance of being the year's best movie, with a plot based on a true story and astounding special effects to intensify an already intense historical event.

And when DMX makes his first starring role appearance with Steven Segal in the fast paced action thriller, "Exit Wounds," you'd better make an effort to get to the theatre early. "The Count of Monte Cristo" should also raise eyebrows as director Kevin Reynolds follows the same historic fighting format as the aforementioned *Gladiator*, and even manages to put some romance in it. However, these three movies are exception.

Most of these year's movies will run very close to mediocre. The most obvious flaw is the lack of quality films with African-American casts. Sorry, no "Love and Basketball's," "Next Friday's," or even "Shafts" this year. This year won't be a complete disaster for movies, but you'll be much better off learning how to work a DVD player.

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## Jenny's Home

By GINGER SKINNER  
Engage Editor

"I want that one. How much?" asks the towering businessman while motioning to a black and white drawing on a beige canvass entitled "D.C. Under the Moonlight." "Just five dollars," said Jenny with a smile of approval. She quickly snatches the five-dollar bill like it's her meal ticket, because it is. Jenny lives in Mazza Gallerie in upper NW Washington DC, right outside the shopping mall. Jenny rarely has a roof over her head and never has enough to fill her growling belly, but she calls this small area of NW, D.C. her "home sweet home." "I've lived here for 16 long years, but I've lived in D.C. all my life," says Jenny with a half-smile, and half-frown.

Jenny is a very round woman, not because she is overweight, but because of the many layers of clothing she wear. From across the busy street and to most passerbys, Jenny is a walking patchwork quilt. She has a wide, dark gap in her mouth where teeth once sat and has unusual, dark eyes that speak. Eyes that say "I'm hungry, I'm cold, I'm tired, but I'm strong." Her hands are dry, blistered, and hard where they once were soft and feminine. "See my hands," says Jenny, with egotism in her voice. "These are the hands of an artist." Jenny's weathered and creased face bears no evidence of the softness that must have been there many years before. Her cold face and hands reflect remnants of a hard, street life.

Without being asked, Jenny pulls out a small snapshot with tattered and yellow edges and holds it up with a proud, wide smile and watery eyes. "This is my baby, my youngest girl. Ain't she pretty?" The picture is a child version of Jenny, about 6 years old, and reminds her of the happiness she knew before she came to Mazza Gallerie. Then, Jenny hastily stuffs the picture into her coat pocket because the story behind the girl's picture is too complicated, and too painful to bring up.

Jenny used to stay at the Pitts shelter for days at a time. There she had a bed and regular meals, but left about a year ago and refuses to return. "I hated the roaches. I can do better on my own," says Jenny. On her own, Jenny has no cardboard sign, no paper cup and no outreached palm. She has her drawings that she sells to anyone who cares to stop and look, the wrinkled picture of her little girl, and the rest of her life, she pushes down Wisconsin Avenue in an old Safeway cart.

## A Love Song Sung

A hand that touches the soul,  
is euphonic to the caress of dismay.  
You plant a seed that makes me whole.  
The love that one has is a rapture,  
in my heart—to this day.

When I view into those gypsy eyes,  
enchanted I become.  
This love, like salvation, never dies,  
Your love song I have sung.

That voice, as semisweet as chocolate  
Consoles me in the most precious way.  
A Love that seems to me immaculate.  
It has set me free and yet blown me away.

Why must I not find this eternity of Love?  
Where will my joy be known when you are gone?  
What will I go against when I know it's enough?  
You win as the queen of hearts, now I play solitaire alone.

Come with me as my only motivation.  
Move me woe, to carry me over streams.  
I am humble and bow to thee as ruler of my nation.  
You chase down all nightmares as I awaken  
to the woman of my dreams.

Life me into the best realms of earth.  
Blind me with the sadness I have known.  
You've made Fancy run, experiencing me a new birth.  
Set forth this pilgrimage there, this lovers' feeling will be shown.

This might seem as just paper with pen-sentiment.  
Give to me, now to prove, an undoubtful chance.  
I'm like a dog as I trace down your aesthetic scent,  
I want you in and won't let you go without one last glance.

As you lips read me great stories of passion;  
As your legs wrap around my soul, now I'm sprung.  
As I admire your grace, touch, and love's fashion.  
This is the now vivid Love song I have sung.

— Poetre

## FINAL THOUGHTS.....

1. Why does China Wonder only taste good after 11pm? (as so many of us at the Hilltop already know.)

2. Isn't Dr. Hines the best for helping the Hilltop in it's time of need?!?!?

3. Who is planning to act reeeeeal ghetto at the taping of "Politically Incorrect"?

4. With all the land Howard owns, can the School of Fine Arts finally get the love that it deserves? (oops were sorry, it's a *Division* now)

final thoughts are a collection of ruminations of hilltop editors... Just for fun

## Nudity

## Exploring the Bare Necessities of Art

By JOI RIDLEY  
Hilltop Staff writer

Upon entering the foyer of Tom Brazil's Restaurant in Adams Morgan, you may feel as if you are in for a quiet evening surrounded by dim lights paired with the aroma of freshly sautéed seafood. Things appear to be calm, maybe even a bit mundane. Every one of the eccentric diners shares small talk in various corners of the room, with one thing in common: they are all fully dressed. Yet, if you follow the accents of the live Brazilian jazz to the second floor of the establishment, you may be in for a shock that gives new meaning to the phrase "bare necessities."

I hadn't even fully entered the room when the entire scene changed. I was greeted by a more relaxed atmosphere, a room of twelve artists, all of different backgrounds, seemingly focused on this one model lying (yes, lying) in the middle of the floor. The artists sit glancing periodically from their sketchpads and pencils to the subject of their work who relaxes calmly on a towel.

The focal point was Kirby Johns, who lay with her hands supporting her chin, her stomach flat on the floor and feet in the air. This is her first time—posing for this class, that is. However, Johns had posed previously on a regular basis. "I used to have inhibitions, but it has grown on me," says Johns of her experience as a nude model. "Every pose has a motivation, you sort of space out." This is obvious, given that her main distraction is the fact that it is a little bit colder than usual in the room, not that she has thirty eyes stuck on her entire unveiled frame. She says that she will definitely continue posing in the future.

Another model, which wishes to be called "Stephan", says that he definitely has no inhibitions about his work. "I had been to nude beaches before, so it was no problem. Besides, I don't wear my glasses so I can't see (the audience)," he explains. "Stephan" has been posing for six years, mainly at art schools. He says that he drifted away from the classes because a lot of the students were old enough to be his children. "Stephan" says that he initially

started posing on a dare, but it has now become a part of who he is. He says that his friends and coworkers that know of his hobby are supportive, but his family has no idea that he poses. "Stephan", 45, says that he will continue to pose "until (I) get too old." Right now, "Stephan" says that he is looking for a long-term nude project, such as a one-on-one session with one artist as opposed to the larger classes.

The concept of "Art Nite at Tom Brazil's" stems from the imagination of Jobi Jovanka, a young artistic visionary who is also the Art Festival Director for Adams Morgan Day. She says that her idea came to her three years ago when she, too, was an artist. Initially, the business owners around the restaurant thought that Jovanka was running an illegal establishment. "They saw alcohol and pool tables and started speculating. The police actually came by looking for a real [strip joint]," says Jovanka. At present, her "baby" has received critical acclaim from both the Washington Times and City Paper.

Jovanka says that in the past there have been some models and students from Howard University. Yet, she encourages more to come out to take the class or even pose. "Anyone who is 18 or above and feels comfortable should contact me. A lot of the local universities are represented and I want more Howard students, especially women," says Jovanka.

A large number of students have applied for the modeling positions, including Johns who is a fourth-year student at a local university. Jovanka also mentions that the pay is \$15 per hour, "a great advantage for college students," she says. There are not usually a lot of ads for nude models floating around, so models usually find out about opportunities by hearsay from others in their field, as confirmed by both models. As for model criteria, Jovanka asks that models have posed in two previous settings and, if possible, art school. Once accepted, they must submit their height, weight, age and what poses they are comfortable doing.

"Art Nite at Tom Brazil's" is held Tuesday nights from 8-10:30 PM at Tom Brazil's Restaurant located at 1832 Columbia Rd. NW in Adams Morgan. Admission is \$8 and students must show materials (to ensure that they are there to participate in the class and not for other, more entertaining, reasons).

## Ready, Set,...No!

## (More Mr. Nice Guy)

Don't you remember me?  
If not,  
Then maybe this will refresh your memory...  
"I'm trying to have fun now,  
so holla @ me in a few,"  
That was you then,  
And now, let the "crawling back" ensue-  
Sick and tired of being sick and tired-  
You ain't got a clue,  
And now what's going on through your mind is,  
"There once was this guy...what's his name?"  
-Olu!"

You think now that you have the remedy to those blues  
I remember when I tried to holla,  
-But you ain't want me then-  
-You thought I was too serious,  
And you didn't want to open up,  
And as a result of you wanting to "have fun"  
Simultaneously, my heart and your legs parted,  
Not for me, but for those other brothas who dogged you  
Now you don't know what to do  
You're saying, "I swear to you that  
Despite the Jamie Foxx song,  
-It ain't "Infatuation"-  
"I've been struck down and finally it came through  
Contemplation-  
That I wanna feel like the girl who you right about in your poems,  
I want to have that sensation."  
See,

I lathered my hands with oil  
And tied them behind my back  
So I wouldn't catch feelings,  
I mean, I LATHERED MY HANDS WITH OIL  
AND I TIED THEM BEHIND MY BACK,  
-BUT I STILL CAUGHT FEELINGS-

Like Common says, you were my light,  
And I walked around with prisms and baseball mitts  
-Trying to be the light catcher-  
But we're polar opposites,  
Because I came at you warm-hearted,  
Yet you gave me the cold-shoulder

I threw away the roadmap to your retinas,  
And as a result got lost in your eyes,  
I mean, I WISH THAT I NEVER THREW AWAY  
THE ROADMAP TO YOUR RETINAS,  
THEN MAYBE I WOULDN'T HAVE  
GOTTEN LOST IN YOUR EYES-

I'm hoping that this verbal Vivarin  
Will keep me from getting slept on-  
And like Lauryn Hill says,  
"You might win some, but you just-"  
Wait a minute, you never had me!-  
See, I came at you real, hoping that as a nice guy  
Maybe this time I wouldn't finish last,  
But history has taught me more than once in my life  
That this wouldn't be an easy task

I wore my heart on my sleeve and  
You had me up in arms  
I mean, I SHOULD HAVE NEVER WORE  
MY HEART ON MY SLEEVE,

## BECAUSE YOU HAD ME UP IN ARMS-

Placed my feelings on the table for you  
-Wasn't thinking of the harm-  
I figured that you'd come around  
Before too long  
Had me writing poems about you,  
And even a few songs  
And I can't sing to save my life  
Had a brotha wanting to take your last name,  
If we were to become husband and wife  
I admit it-  
You had me wrapped around your fingers  
Like cats cradles,  
And sprung like trampolines, pogo sticks, and old mattresses

I wouldn't say that I was whipped,  
But I didn't mind your eyelashes  
I mean, I'LL NEVER ADMIT THAT I WAS WHIPPED,  
-BUT I DIDN'T MIND YOUR EYE LASHES-

You wanted me to give you the world,  
But I never understood,  
Because if being with you was heaven,  
What did you need the earth for?  
Remember me? I'm that cat you slept on,  
Stepped over, and looked past,  
Mad cause I wanted to take it slow,  
My mamma warned me about girls being fast!  
I singed my fingers trying to give you the stars-  
While you were complaining about your past relationships  
You neglected to worry about ours-

You needed some space-  
So I put a galaxy between you and me!  
I mean YOU NEEDED SOME SPACE,  
SO I PUT A GALAXY BETWEEN YOU AND ME!

I hope that you enjoyed all of your "fun"  
AND UNLIKE YOUR SOUL MATE AND SECOND PLACE  
I'M NOT THE ONE

Never again will I be labeled a fool,  
Or attempt to polish charcoal  
And wait for it to turn into a jewel  
I've run this race too long  
For it to end like this...  
I had plans for us  
It started with happiness and ended with bliss,  
But now with Cupid aiming blindfolded,  
And you being single,  
It's both one and the same  
-A MISS-  
You're not ready or set,  
For this...  
And now I'm finished.

— Olu Burrell

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Kulichaplia (Self-Determination)  
Steps Toward Success  
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Ujima (collective work and responsibility)  
Community Service Drive  
Belhane Annex Seminar Room

**Sunday (1/21)**  
Ujamaa (cooperative economics)  
Georgia Ave. Business Day  
Drew Hall

**Monday (1/22)**  
Mia (purpose)  
Student Activism at Howard University  
7pm Blackburn Forum

**Tuesday (1/23)**  
Kwimba (creativity)  
An Evening of Spoken Word Art and Music  
7pm Blackburn Reading Lounge

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Invites Howard University to our **Financial Management Program** on **January 19 in Blackburn room 148-150 from 7-9pm**

**ATTENTION STUDENTS:**  
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January 24, 2001  
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"Connecting Leaders of Today with Future Leaders of Tomorrow"

February 21, 2001  
Alumni Profile I:  
"Alumni in Business"  
Gallery Lounge 5:30 p.m.

March 6, 2001  
Professional Development Workshop  
Blackburn West Ballroom  
(RSVP required)

March 28, 2001  
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Love, Mom

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**Friends how many of us have them... Friends ones we can depend on....**  
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From 61 E.L.I.T.E.

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-Chris

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Slide Show,  
I love you all and I want to thank you for making it through with me.

Philia,  
1-AT-FA00

To all the Hilltoppers:  
I will miss all the laughs and the yawns. Trust that I will still be around harrassing you periodically.

Love,  
Tori

Sunday Dinner for the family @ 4 p.m. promptly! Roast, yams, greens, cornbread, um Ira bring the Spring Water. Jason: You bring the Blow Pops.  
-Luscious

**I'll bring the ciaga ilipiaga Isoiaga.**  
**yum**

Okay guys. Lets get back on the ball. We are no longer on vacation and we have to pull together now more than ever. Our numbers are thinning but there is still work to do.

— Zora & JT

**Andre, Mike, Shorty Red —**  
**I miss y'all. Give me a week to rest and we can start doing lunch again. I promise!**  
**--Your Dawg from 321**

**We will Miss You Ginger ... The Top will never be the same without your spice! :)**  
**So Long Tori, We Truly Wish You the Best and we will see you in the news real soon!**

**SOS...I'm locked in the Hilltop Office!**  
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*January 21*  
*Call to Chapel*

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*What is a Sister?*  
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*January 23*  
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*West Ballroom*

*January 24*  
*Lights, Camera, Action*  
*Human Ecology Auditorium*

*January 25*  
*A Moment of Pleasure, A Lifetime of Pain: The dangers of STD'S*  
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